Klan Holds Its Nov. 11 Show, 5,000 Attend

CONWAY, S. C.—Ku Klux Klan demonstrations continued in South Carolina's tobacco country and in Alabama last week, despite appeals for the Justice Department, FBI, and state constabulary.

At the same time Georgia Klansmen began crossing the state line in an effort to lure members away from the Carolina organization headed by Thomas Hamilton.

Saturday night Hamilton harangued a crowd of 5,000, whipping up sentiment against law enforcement officers. He said he had affidavits claiming officers took bribes.

The Justice Department had been asked by Federal Judge J. Waites Waring and 22 CIO and AFL unions to ban this meeting, which was plugged with thousands of handbills. Atty. General J. Howard McGrath declared it was a matter for local police. He said the department was watching the situation and would take action in the event of federal law violations.

Georgians Move In

Three nights earlier, Jack Dempsey, head of the Georgia Klans, staged a demonstration near Orangeburg, S. C., during which he criticized the South Carolina group. Then he made Homer Wolfe, one of his followers, "Titan" of the five counties adjoining Horry County.

Horry County was the scene Tuesday, of the flogging of Rufus Lee, 52, a white farmer just out of the hospital, and his sons, Coolidge, 23, and Hinson 18.

As a result of this Sheriff C. E Sasser asked the FBI and the state constabulary to help him investigate the outrage. Sasser reported he has been marked for "punishment" for doing this.

The South Carolina Klans have demonstrated at Florence, within the past week, and recently attacked a Myrtle Beach restaurant patronized by Negroes. One of their number, a policeman with his uniform under his robe, was shot to death.

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Following this, Leslie Boney, a Sumter YMCA swimming teacher was beaten by Klansmen, and Dr. Roscoe Wilson, Negro physician who invited Anti-Klan Judge Waring and his wife to dinner, was threatened with a Klan tarring and feathering, for the second time.

Elsewhere in the South, 300 Klansmen demonstrated in front of a Negro church in Hueytown, Ala., menaced a gas station, and threatened a white carpenter, W. A. Griffith, from his front yard.

Meanwhile, FBI agents are still probing the Myrtle Beach incident for more evidence of policemen and other officials taking part in Klan demonstrations.

Robed Mob Beats Sick Farmer, Sons

By the United Press

CONWAY, S. C., Nov. 9.—A sick farmer and his two sons were dragged from their home and beaten Election Day by men wearing white robes and masks, authorities reported today.

Sheriff C. E. Sasser said the men who beat Rufus Lee and his sons, Hinson 18, and Coolidge 23, were members of the Ku Klux Klan. Thomas Hamilton, leader of the hooded order in South Carolina, immediately denied it.

Sheriff Sasser, saying he was next on the Klan's punishment list, called for the FBI and state constabulary to help him investigate the flogging of the Lees.

He denied a Klan leader's charge that his own officers were responsible for the beating. He added Mr. Lee had warned him the attackers told the farmer "the sheriff will be next on our list" if Mr. Lee told officers of the attack.

Mr. Lee, who was released from a hospital Monday, was dragged from his bed about 1 a. m. Tuesday and taken from his home. He said the masked men whipped him, cut off his hair and left him about a mile from his home.

"They told me I had been drinking too much liquor," Mr. Lee told the sheriff.

Draw Lines To Decide Who'll Run The County

CONWAY, S. C. — (AP) — The Ku Klux Klan and the law drew battlelines today to determine which should run things in Horry county.

Grand Dragon Thomas Hamilton of the South Carolina Klan said "we don't want law officers in power who take bribes in order to let people stay in business."

Sheriff C. E. Sasser answered that several Klansmen would be arrested "in a few days" for sending threatening letters to law enforcement agents.

The Klan challenge was hurled at a cross-burning Saturday night, attended by 400 robed men and some 2,500 spectators. Hamilton, who was recently charged with inciting a riot in which one man was killed, declared that "the lid is going to pop off in this county."

The meeting was orderly, but Sasser was irked into warning of impending arrests and a declaration that Hamilton has not tried to claim the $1,000 reward he posted for help in convicting any officer alleged to be crooked.

He has turned the threatening letters over to the FBI and postal authorities, Sasser said. The FBI is also investigating the death of a Conway policeman while wearing a Klan robe, during a demonstration at a Negro dance hall near Myrtle Beach, S. C., and the flogging last week of farmer Rufus Lee

Sasser said that Hamilton's speech did not live up to its advance billing of an "explanation" of what happened at the dance hall. Hamilton told the crowd that the Klan went to the place for a peaceful demonstration, and was dared to come back. It went back—and fired numerous shots into the building.

The only victim was the Conway officer, apparently shot by one of his fellow Klansmen. Hamilton and several others were charged with inciting a riot, but were released for lack of evidence.

White Farmer Flogged

Sheriff Warned Of Klan Threat To Get Him As Next Victim

CONWAY, S. C. — Ku Klux Klan terrorism in South Carolina which long ago disregarded racial lines claimed another white victim last week then set its sights upn a white sheriff, who, in fear called for help from the FBI and the state constabulary.

As the terror spread, leaders of 22 labor unions appealed to the federal government to halt Klan violence in the state's tobacco country. Union officials in both South Carolina and North Carolina Thursday telegraphed United States Attorney General J. Howard McGrath for immediate action to prevent further night-rider disorders.

Masked and robed Klansmen forced their way Tuesday night into the home of 52-year-old Rufus Lee white farmer, roused him from his sick bed, drove him off in an automobile and then whipped him.

Lee said one of the mob told him: "You drink too much."

Lee's two sons, 23-year-old Coolidge and 18-year-old Hinson, also were seized by another group of Klansmen, Horry County Sheriff C. E. Sasser said. They were taken from the house, marched a mile down the road in their underwear, roughed up and told to "keep going."

Coolidge's pregnant wife, who lived with the Lee family, was taken to a local hospital "in hysterics" after the attack, the sheriff said. Doctors reported she had "a severe shock." The sheriff said one of the Klansmen had been recognized but did not disclose his name.

SASSER SAID THE farmer had warned him that Klansmen told him "the sheriff will be next on our list" if Lee told officers of the attack on himself and two sons.

Grand Dragon Thomas Hamilton of the Carolinas Klan said at Florence that the robed men who invaded Lee's home "could have been law officers or anyone else," and that he didn't believe the raid was the work of Klansmen.

"Thousands of men in Horry county at one time were members of the Klan, and there are a lot of loose robes there," Hamilton declared. "So far as I know, my organization had nothing to do with it."

SHERIFF C. E. SASSER counted immediately with a $200 personal reward "for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any one connected with law enforcement who had anything to do with the Lee case."

A Ku Klux rally called for last Saturday night, the sheriff said, had frightened Negroes in the area and aroused "the better class of white people."

Byrnes Is Liar, Klan Chief Says

LEESVILLE, S. C., Nov. 18 (U.P.) —The grand dragon of South Carolina's Ku Klux Klan called Gov.-Elect James F. Byrnes a liar today for insuating the Klan is "above the law" and advocates violence.

Byrnes stated at a Democratic Party meeting in Columbia that after he assumes office next January "there will be no room for a government presided over by a grand dragon or a grand kleagle."

Grand Dragon Thomas Hamilton last night addressed Byrnes a letter in which he replied anyone saying the Klan takes the law in its own hands "is just a liar."

The grand dragon has maintained that the robed men who beat up a farmer in Horry County, S. C., on Nov. 2 were hoodlums posing as Klansmen.

Catholic Group Asks Curb Of Klan Outrages

Special to the Journal and Guide

ROCK HILL, S. C.—A strong protest against Carolina Klan outrages was registered last week by the Catholic Committee of the South. The regional religious organization demanded that Gov. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina "curb these outrages and restore law and order."

The committee's telegram to Gov. Thurmond accused the Ku Klux Klan of "flagrant defiance of law and order" in the wave of terrorism that has swept through the area since the slaying of a Conway, S. C., policeman in Klan robes at Myrtle Beach, S.C.

The CCS message was signed by Phillip S. Ogilive as executive secretary of CCS with headquarters in New Orleans. Mr. Ogilvie is in Rock Hill in consultation with the Very Rev. Maurice Shean, CCS convention chairman.

It reads as follows:

Strom Thurmond
Governor of South Carolina,

The Catholic Committee of the South joins the anti-Defamation Lague of B'nai B'rith and the Southern Regional Council in deploring the flagrant defiance of law and order by the Ku Klux Klan in South Carolina. We urge that you use all your influence as govenor to curb these outrages and restore law and order.

Philip S. Ogilive,
Executive Secretary,
Catholic Committee of the South

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CCS IS A REGIONAL Catholic Action organization of priests and laymen devoted to the laymen's apostolate and the spreading of the Catholic Church's teachings in racial justice and social and economic action. John J. McCann of New Orleans is chairman of its race relations department.

Ill Man Dragged From Home, Whipped by Hooded KKKs

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In the Myrtle Beach incident last August, James Johnston, a Conway policeman, was shot and killed during a Klan demonstration at a Negro dance hall. Johnston was wearing his uniform under a Klan robe.

Sasser said today that neither he nor any of his officers planned to attend the rally. He'll act only if trouble comes, he said

Klan Faces Crackdown

Rise of South Carolina Incidents Makes Legislative Action Likely

By Henry Lesesne

COLUMBIA, S. C.

KU-KLUX KLAN activity and Klan-type incidents have recently grown to such proportion in South Carolina that it is now considered certain the Legislature meeting in January will take strong measures aimed at stamping out the secret order.

During the current revival of the Klan in the Southeast, one state, Alabama, adopted a statewide anti-mask law in the summer of 1949 following a wave of floggings, intimidations and cross-burnings in the Birmingham area.

However, in Georgia, birthplace of the hooded order, the Legislature, during the administration of Gov. Herman Talmadge, has twice refused to pass anti-Klan legislation. The Klan is considered more of a political power in Georgia than any other state.

Nevertheless, of the forty-one municipalities in the Southeast which have adopted anti-mask or anti-cross burning ordinances or both, fourteen of them are in Georgia. Florida runs a close second with twelve cities and towns having taken action, and North Carolina is third with nine.

Gov.-elect James F. Byrnes, who takes office in South Carolina on Jan. 17, said in a recent speech that when he becomes Governor "there will be no room for a government presided over by a grand dragon or a grand kleagle."

THE grand dragon of the Ku-Klux Klan in South Carolina, Thomas Hamilton, came to the town of Leesville a few years ago from Augusta, Ga.

He set up a grocery business but now devotes his full time to Klan business. He took issue with former Secretary of State Byrnes in a letter which was made public in the press.

Grand Dragon Hamilton wrote Mr. Byrnes that "any man or group who says the Klan has advocated any violence is a liar," and that "the state Legislature will not go along with you with any such program bucking the white people of this state."

Most of the anti-Klan ordinances adopted by cities in the Southeast have been based on "model" laws drawn up in a booklet published by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. It is pointed out that if a local anti-mask ordinance does not immediately stop Klan hoodlumism, it is a serious blow to such a law's prestige.

Elements which are fighting the Klan assert that for such local ordinances to be wholly effective, it is necessary or desirable for the principles to be extended to the whole state, since most Klan or Klan-type incidents or demonstrations occur in unincorporated rural areas.

Recent events in South Carolina indicate how powerless authorities have found themselves in curbing Klan activities without additional legislation and without an aroused local public opinion, even in a county where there is a "Klan-busting" sheriff.

Affairs reached a climax when a policeman garbed in Klan regalia was shot to death during a Klan raid on a Negro night club near Myrtle Beach, popular summer resort, in Horry County.

Sheriff C. E. Sasser said his investigation showed some 300 shots were fired during the raid but that there was no evidence a Negro fired a single shot. He arrested Grand Dragon Hamilton and several other men on charges of attempt to incite a riot. The Horry County grand jury, however, refused to indict them, and they went free.

A short while later, in the same county, a fifty-two-year-old white bedridden farmer was seized from his home by a band of robed and masked men, taken to a swamp and flogged with a bullwhip. One of the robed floggers told him it was his punishment for "drinking too much."

Grand Dragon Hamilton, while admitting he and his organization raided the Negro night club, contended that Klansmen were not responsible for the whipping of the farmer.

TILL later, the Klan staged a demonstration in a tobacco field near Conway, the county seat, attended by several hundred robed but unmasked men and a sprinkling of women and children. The rural area was patrolled by armed Klansmen.

A twenty-foot cross burned while Hamilton spoke, charging that law-enforcement officers in Horry had accepted graft. Subsequently, in a statement, Sheriff Sasser said "if Hamilton has any such information, let him present it to the grand jury."

During his speech Hamilton shouted abuse upon such organizations as the United Nations, the Y. W. C. A. ("because a Negro wrote some of the songs these young women sing"), Gen. George C. Marshall (for appointing Mrs. Anna Rosenberg as Assistant Secretary of Defense), B'nai B'rith, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ, the C. I. O. Political Action Committee and the World Federalists.

There is no single cohesive Klan organization operating in the Southeast. There are several of them, including Hamilton's. All of them pretend to be unmasked, and they are unmasked when they stage occasional public demonstrations.

But whenever there is a Klan "incident," the victim or victims or witnesses report the night-riders to be both robed and masked.

The ostensible "unmasking" of the Klan followed the wave of public indignation in Alabama summer before last. At that time the late Dr. Samuel Green, grand dragon in Georgia, ordered members of his organization to unmask. Leaders of other Klan groups did likewise.

Negroes Can Smash The Klan

—The Weekly Review.

On the week-end the Ku Klux Klan fired a cross before the home of a Charleston young man who had filed application for admission to the University of South Carolina, the second act of intolerance to come out of Charleston within a week, and within two weeks after an Horry county grand jury freed five klansmen who participated in the August 26 violence near Myrtle Beach.

For better than two years, members of the klan have moved at whim and will in South Carolina, firing crosses, abducting and beating, and as in the August 26 case, leaving death in their wake. In all this time the state and federal governments have failied to provide needed protection, and today the citizens are in mortal danger.

Under our form of government, the people take matters into their own hands only after the government fails and they are in danger. Every citizen not in favor of the klan's program, white or colored, is this day subject to its terrorism or vengeance. And if these should come, the story is the same, no punishment or even arrests.

But the klan can be smashed. It requires stout hearted Negroes who are willing to take the move. It requires violence equal in strength to that of the klan. And unChristian though it be, as inhuman as it appears, the solution is to cancel on sight anybody crazy and wicked enough to cover themselves and maraud at night for evil intent.

Everyone knows what to do about a mad dog running loose, or a rattlesnake. Though in respect to both, they are of higher caliber and of more sportsmanship and integrity than the ku klux klan. But they are menaces to human safety, and to that of society. Morally, then, there is every justification for their erasure, and on sight.

If Negroes will adopt this procedure hereafter, the klan will be stopped. There aren't any white men in South Carolina, or near it, who are so brave, who love the klan so well, that they will commit suicide or forfeit their lives for white supremacy.

And it was so with farmer brown.

Ku Klux Klan 'Explains' Myrtle Beach Disorders

CONWAY, S. C. — On Armistice Day night a crowd estimated at 5,000 braved near freezing weather to hear Thomas Hamilton, grand dragon of the South Carolina Ku Klux Klan, explain that Policeman James D. Johnson "died in defense of his integrity" during a Klan demonstration at a colored Myrtle Beach night club on August 26.

Hamilton, speaking from the back of a truck in an old tobacco field near here told the orderly audience that Negroes had "challenged" the Klan before the dance hall fracas and "no Negro will dare the Klan."

As he spoke, he drew applause from the throng which included about 200 robed forms and many women and children while light flickered from a burning 20-foot cross as the grand dragon reviewed the slaying of Johnston who was shot while wearing a Klan robe over his police uniform.

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ACCORDING TO HORRY county Sheriff C. E. Sasser, Klansmen paraded through a colored section of Myrtle Beach and a man called the Beach police department saying that if the Klan came back through the colored section disturbing the people there would be blood shed.

The message was relayed to Hamilton who was leading the parade while it was on its way to Atlantic Beach, a colored resort. Sheriff Sasser said that they proceeded to their destination where there were about 4,000 visitors but within a few minutes the beach was cleared.

Then, according to Sheriff Sasser, the Klan "accepted the challenge" and returned to Myrtle Beach Before a shot was fired, Charlie Fitzgerald, the dance hall operator was relieved of his gun, knocked about the head and loaded in the trunk of a car, locked up and the shooting began.

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THE SHERIFF SAYS that about 500 shots were fired and during the fracas the Conway policeman was killed. Several colored persons were knocked in the head and one was shot by a Klansman as he started to run. Fitzgerald was hauled out of town, beat up and a Klansman took out his knife and cut his ear, marking him.

This meeting was publicized by handbills which were distributed from Washington, D. C., to Florida inviting everyone to come out and hear what the Klan stands for. Authorities didn't police the rally but were ready to send men if any trouble had developed.

The crowd began gathering about 6 p. m., and the speechmaking started at 8:30 p. m. Automobiles were stretched about a half-mile in each direction and the waiting crowd was entertained with loudspeaker music ranging from Negro spirituals to light classics.

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KLAN AGAIN ON THE MARCH

By W. D. WORKMAN, Jr.

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 2—The Ku Klux Klan is stirring up trouble again in a number of Southern states with intermittent demonstrations ranging from shooting sprees to cross-burning parades.

The focus of Klan activity at the moment seems to be South Carolina, where the organization continues active despite increasing public resentment. Those actions commenced with sporadic cross-burnings, motorcades and public meetings in 1948, continued in the same pattern during 1949, and erupted in an armed raid which brought death to a Klansman three months ago.

Elsewhere in the South, Klansmen have been charged with and occasionally found guilty of, flogging and beating persons whose policies or habits ran counter to Klan preachments. Within the last few weeks, a white South Carolina farmer was snatched from his sickbed, blindfolded and taken from his home to be beaten and warned against drinking.

The Grand Dragon of the Klan in South Carolina, a middle-aged retired grocer named Thomas L. Hamilton, denied that his organization had anything to do with that episode and implied that it might be linked to some law enforcement officials of the county where the beating had taken place.

On the night of Aug. 26 a sizeable group of robed and armed Klansmen raided a Negro night club near Myrtle Beach, roughed up a number of Negroes, abducted the proprietor of the club and fired an estimated 300 shots. One of those shots killed a Klansman, a man who was a policeman from the near-by Horry County seat of Conway and who was wearing Klan robes over his police uniform.

Sheriff Investigation

The Horry County Sheriff, C. E. Sasser, conducted a vigorous investigation, arrested the Grand Dragon and about a dozen of his associates on charges of conspiracy to commit mob violence and made the statement that the policeman had been killed by a Klansman's bullet, since apparently no Negro had fired in the melee.

The Horry County grand jury failed to indict any of the Klansmen.

But while the Klan thus far has escaped legal consequences for its outrages in South Carolina, increasing pressure to stifle its activities is being applied by municipalities. Several South Carolina towns and cities have joined Miami, Atlanta, Charlotte and other Southern cities in outlawing the wearing of masks.

KLAN SLAYER FIGHTS INDIANA EXTRADITION

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 20 (AP)—D. C. Stephenson, former Grand Dragon of the Indiana Ku Klux Klan, prevented his extradition today to Indiana by starting court proceedings for a writ of habeas corpus.

Stephenson, wanted as a parole violator from Indiana, where he served twenty-five years of a life term for murder, appeared in court at 2 P. M. today, but his case was continued twenty-four hours.

The legal move, instituted by Stephenson without aid of an attorney, came shortly after Gov. Luther W. Youngdahl of Minnesota ordered the former Klan leader extradited.

Upon learning of the Governor's action, Stephenson, held in jail in Minneapolis, gave oral notice to Deputy Sheriff W. H. Fabriz that he would seek his release on a habeas corpus writ on the grounds the Minnesota Governor had ordered the extradition without a hearing.

Mr. Fabriz said the oral notice was sufficient to prevent Stephenson's immediate removal to Indiana.

Stephenson and two attorneys he later retained appeared in District Court at 2 P. M. to apply for the writ. A delay of three or four days was denied by District Judge Frank E. Reed, who set 2 P. M. tomorrow as the time to petition for writ. At that time date for hearing on the writ will be set.

Stephenson was arrested in a Minneapolis suburb last Wednesday. He had been sought since Aug. 30 when he disappeared from his home in Carbondale, Ill. A picture in a Minneapolis newspaper led to his arrest.

He was paroled from Indiana State Prison last March. He was convicted of slaying Madge Oberholtzer in 1925.

Masked Night Raiders Flog Alabama Father

By the United Press

LAFAYETTE, Ala., Nov. 21. — The office of Chambers County Sheriff J. A. Abney said today that a masked band flogged Lucius (Bunk) Singleton, Fairfax textile worker, Sunday night.

Mr. Singleton's 8-year-old daughter was found, on Nov. 12, in a graveyard after having been missing for 24 hours. The child was near the grave of her mother, who has been dead for several months. The child suffered only from exposure, bruises and scratches.

A spokesman in the sheriff's office here said that Mr. Singleton told them seven or eight men, with masks or hankerchiefs on their faces, entered his home, about 10:30 p. m.

He said they lashed him with a strap a number of times.

At the time of the all night search for his daughter Mr. Singleton told police that the little girl had left home several times before.

BAD PUBLICITY FORCES DIVORCE FROM KLAN UNIT

AIKEN, S. C. — (INS) — A Langley S. C., Ku Klux Klan Klavern announced its divorce from the association of Carolina Klans Monday because "unfavorable publicity" has prejudiced the public mind against the Klan.

The announcement was made in the form of a resolution filed with Aiken County Sheriff W. Price Fallaw, who released for publication a portion of the resolution by Klavern 42.

The association of Carolina Klans is headed by Thomas S. Hamilton, of Leesville, who was thrown into jail in Conway, S. C., recently. His arrest — and that of several other Klansmen — followed a gun battle in which a police officer was killed.

The victim, James D. Johnston, was wearing a robe over his uniform at the time of the scrape in front of a Negro night club near Myrtle Beach, S. C.

Klan Plans Exposed In S. Carolina

Wealthy Race Man Flogged, Judged Killed In Week Of Terror

Exclusively to The Journal and Guide

CONWAY, S. C. — South Carolina Ku Klux Klan plans and strategy were made public here this week by Sheriff C. E. Sasser after a terror-filled week in this small community and near-by Myrtle Beach, during which KKK raids, beatings, murder and the arrest of high Klan officials followed a pre-Labor Day raid on two colored dance halls.

Sheriff Sasser has arrested the Grand Dragon of the Klan in South Carolina, Thomas Hamilton, and 10 others as a result of the shooting of James D. Johnston, a robed policeman, who was killed during the raid on Charlie's Place, and Phillip's Place here. In addition, a state constable was fired for his part in the raid.

Policeman Johnston, a member of the Klan mob, had recently been elected as a magistrate in his district. He was to have taken his seat on the bench in March.

The angry sheriff told a Journal and Guide reporter that rumors of whites and Negroes having immoral relations at Charlie's Place, scene of the greatest disturbance, were not true.

THE DANCE HALL is owned by wealthy colored businessman Charlie Fitzgerald, who was captured and locked in the trunk of a car by the mob, and taken out of town. Fitzgerald was later beaten on his head and back, and hs ear cut to "mark him."

In revealing the strategy of the Palmetto State KKK, Sheriff Sasser said that he had confiscated numerous Klan documents when he arrested the Grand Dragon last week.

A form letter, written by Hamilton and dated for last Wednesday, said in part: "I am setting up a new Klan tonight, and another one next Tuesday night (Sept. 5), and another one the following Tuesday night (Sept. 12).

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"THE NEWSPAPERS have not given a true picture of what happened, but I assure you that all hell broke loose, and we took over and had it (the Aug. 26 raid) under control.

"I had some men along Saturday night who are not afraid of anything and they turned out to be true blue. A terrible thing has happened in losing one of our men, but I am satisfied that we will get the matter cleared up in a very short time."

Meanwhile the Grand Dragon is being held in an undisclosed jail on charges of "conspiracy to stir up mob violence."

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OTHERS ARRESTED and held on the same charges were Dr. A. J. Gore, local optician; J. C. Creel, secretary-treasurer of the state KKK; R. L. Sims, Florence; June Cartrette, Horry county; Bennett, Bill, Boyd and Roy Ford; Edwin B. Floyd and Rarien Britt.

Sheriff Sasser said more arrests may be made in what appears to be a wholesale crackdown on the hooded order.

In other fast-breaking developments, Fitzgerald, who was beng held on open charges in an undisclosed jail, was exonerated in the shooting of the officer involved in the Klan demonstration.

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JOHNSTON DIED in the Conway hospital after he had been taken there by his robed companions. Hospital sources said Johnston was wearing a pistol from which three shots had been fired and in the pocket of his police uniform he carried a letter signed by Hamilton who lives at Leesville, S. C.

Sheriff Sasser told a radio audience that about 60 robed and hooded klansmen escorted by police, paraded through Myrtle Beach and through Happy Hill, the nearby colored section just before the raid. When the cavalcade passed Fitzgerald's dance hall most of the patrons hurried home.

The Klan ended its parade, then reassembled without the knowledge of police, and stopped in front of Fitzgerald's dance hall despite a warning to the masked men to stay away.

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THE SHOOTING occurred after Fitzgerald's kidnaping. Johnston was killed during the gunplay. Sheriff Sasser said he was not able to determine whether a single one of about 500 shots was fired by a colored person.

One colored man was shot in the outburst and several others beaten. None was seriously hurt. Fitzgerald's place was completely wrecked.

Myrtle Beach Mayor J. N. Ramey and Police Chief W. C. Newton, joined Sheriff Sasser in deploring "one of the most outrageous things that could have happened to our community."

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SASSER SAID IN his radio talk that Fitzgerald could not have fired the shot which killed the policeman. He said he believed Johnston got in the way of a bullet fired by one of the Klansmen.

Meanwhile Governor Strom Thurmond pledged the full co-operation of the State Law Enforcement division in combatting mob violence. "My position on mob rule is well known. I'm against it," he stated. "The investigation in progress will be continued until the complete facts are known as to whatever violations of law may have occurred. The results of the investigation will be laid before the proper authorities in due course."

Governor Thurmond stated that any other law enforcement officer who was found to be a member of the Klan would be dismissed as was T. M. Floyd.

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AND IN FLORENCE, State Representative Joseph B. Clements, advocated anti-Klan legislation for enactment in the next session of the General Assembly.

South Carolina union leaders ask U. S. aid to halt Klan-violence

CONWAY, S. C., Nov. 10—(AP)—Leaders of 22 unions have appealed to the federal government to halt Ku Klux Klan violence in South Carolina's tobacco country.

Union officials in both South Carolina and North Carolina yesterday telegraphed U. S. Atty. Gen. J. Howard McGrath for immediate action to prevent further night-rider discrders.

The action followed the disclosure by officers that Ku Kluxers had bullwhipped a bed-ridden white farmer and forced his two sons to run a quarter of a mile in their underwear.

Officers said the masked and robed Klansmen forced their way Tuesday night into the home of 52-year-old Rufus Lee, roused him from his sick bed, drove him off in an automobile, and then whipped him.

Lee said one of the mob told him: "You drink too much."

Lee's two sons, Hinson, 18, and Coolidge, a 23-year-old war veteran, were made to run from the house in their underclothes, but were not otherwise molested.

The father was painfully but not seriously hurt.

Lee lives near this Horry County seat in the northeastern section of South Carolina, part of the state's rich tobacco belt. A little more than two months ago a policeman, wearing a Klansman robe, was killed during a Ku Klux raid on a Negro night club at nearby Myrtle Beach.

Grand Dragon Thomas Hamilton of the Carolina Klan said at Florence that the robed men who invaded Lee's home "could have been law officers or anyone else," and that he didn't believe the raid was the work of Klansmen.

"Thousands of men in Horry County at one time were members of the Klan, and there are a lot of loose robes there," Hamilton declared. "So far as I know, my organization had nothing to do with it."

Sheriff C. E. Sasser countered immediately with a $200 personal reward "for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone connected with law enforcement who had anything to do with the Lee case."

Violence-Torn Town Seeks Protection From Ku Klux

Dead KKK Policeman Asked for Night Off To Attack Negro Citizens

MYRTLE BEACH, S. C.—(ANP)—If a certain race-hating policeman here in Myrtle Beach had worked as he was supposed to, he probably would have been alive today.

James Daniel Johnston, killed last week in a Ku Klux Klan attack on Negroes here, asked for the fatal night off, according to Mayor A. C. Thompson. He did not tell the mayor why he did not want to work. The mayor said:

"If he was a Klansman, I did not know it. . . . . I don't think there are any other officers in the Klan . . . . I am not and never have been a member of the Klan."

Johnston's death also saved the state of South Carolina from another race-hating magistrate. He had won the Democratic nomination for the post of magistrate in District 1 of Horry County. He had planned to stay on the police force until March, 1951, when he was to take office.

On that fatal night, he did not even take time to remove his uniform. He merely put on a white KKK robe over it and went out to do another job with his fellow terrorists.

Today, he is buried at a Conway cemetery. Although he is gone, many other whites apparently sympathize with him. More than 1,500 of them attended his funeral with only about 500 able to get seats inside or out at the Cedar Grove Baptist church.

Mourners provided him with six truckloads of flowers for the affair. A loudspeaker was set up outside the church to carry the curious and sympathetic the messages from four white ministers:

The Rev. R. L. Deneen, pastor, First Baptist church of Conway, who officiated; the Rev. A. F. Ragan, minister, Conway Methodist church; the Rev. Eugene Jones, minister, Conway circuit of the Methodist church, and the Rev. P. B. McLeod, retired.

After the funeral, one person, apparently thinking of officers like Johnston, commented:

"The big problem in Horry county is law enforcement. People talk about law and order, but nothing can be done about it. Laxity is the big trouble."

Tension Rises After Beating By Klansmen

CONWAY, S. C., Nov. 9—(AP)—Tension grew in this town Thursday night after officers disclosed a Ku Klux Klan beating of a sick father and his two sons.

A big KKK rally is scheduled Saturday night. The grand dragon promised to tell the Klan side of a recent demonstration at nearby Myrtle Beach. It was there a Conway policeman in Klan robes was shot to death recently during a Klan raid on a Negro night club.

Rufus Lee, 52-year-old white farmer, was aroused from a sick bed early Tuesday by a dozen or so robed, masked men who had broken into his home.

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The three Lees were hustled into cars, taken about a mile and ordered out. The farther was whipped and his hair cut. Hinson was beaten.

At home, Coolidge's pregnant wife lay prostrated. Her three-year-old son had fainted from fright. She developed a highly nervous condition and was taken to a hospital Thursday.

Sheriff C. E. Sasser said the Klansmen warned the father and sons not to say anything about their attack. And they added that the sheriff was the next on their list.

One of the Klansmen was recognized when Hinson knocked off his mask, the sheriff said, adding that the FBI or the state constabularly probably would arrest the man.

The sheriff said plans for a big KKK demonstration Saturday night had frightened Negroes in this county and had aroused "the better class of white people".

CONWAY, S. C. — (AP) — Labor unions in two states today requested Federal protection for Negro residents in violence-torn Horry county during a Klu Klux Klan rally scheduled for Saturday night.

A telegram signed by officials of 22 unions in North and South Carolina told U. S. Atty. Gen. J. Howard McGrath "the constitutional rights, property and personal safety of Negro citizens are endangered."

The message urged the Justice Department to "take immediate action to prevent further violence."

Grand Dragon Thomas Hamilton of the Association of Carolina Klans predicted a turnout of 8,000 for the cross-burning at which the Klan will give its version at nearby Myrtle Beach last August. A Conway policeman, James D. Johnston, who was wearing a Klan robe over his uniform, was killed while Klansmen were pouring bullets into a Negro night club.

The most recent outbreak of hooded violence came this week when nightriders swooped down on the home of ailing farmer Rufus Lee, giving him a lashing and roughed up his two sons.

Hamilton denied the Klan had anything to do with the election day flogging but Horry County Sheriff C. E. Sasser said he was positive the Klan was responsible. Sasser said he believed he also was marked for a Klan visit. He turned the case over to the state constabulary and the FBI and said he would personally pay a $200 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the floggers.

About 350 masked and robed Klansmen assembled in a field near Orangeburg, S. C., last night, burned a cross and listened to speeches about Communism and Negroes. The main speaker gave his identity as Jack Dempsey of Augusta, Ga., an official in the Association of Georgia Klans.

KKK, FBI Fight Reds, Dragon Says

ORANGEBURG, S. C., Nov. 9—(AP)—The Grand Dragon of a Georgia Ku Klux Klan group Thursday night declared that the KKK and the FBI are the only two organizations that are fighting Communism in America.

The statement was made by Jack Dempsey of Augusta at a Klan meeting and cross-burning near Orangeburg. The demonstration in an open field about six miles south of Orangeburg on U. S. Highway 301, drew about 100 masked and robed Klansmen and about 400 witnesses.

The Association of Carolina Klans, which was involved in a Myrtle Beach demonstration last August that resulted in the death of a Conway policeman, has announced plans for a mass rally in Horry County Saturday night.

Meanwhile, tension grew in Conway, S. C., after officers disclosed a Ku Klux Klan beating of a sick father and his two sons.

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5,000 at Klan Rally in S.C.

Policemen Accused of Graft by Dragon

CONWAY, S.C.—Klansmen from Washington to Florida were reported to be among those who attended a Ku Klux Klan rally here on Armistice Day. The rally was in the wake of the beating of a local farmer and revived the details of the Aug. 26 Klan shooting in Myrtle Beach.

An estimated crowd of about 5,000 heard the Grand Dragon, Thomas Hamilton, accuse county law officers of having accepted large sums of money from businessmen. He also blasted Sheriff C. E. Sasser and attempted to justify the hate riot of Aug. 26.

During that riot James Johnston, a policeman, was killed while wearing a Klan robe. About 500 shots were exchanged between the colored citizens and the Klan; one man was shot and several beaten. Charlie Fitzgerald, dance-hall operator, was beaten, abducted and had his hair carved.

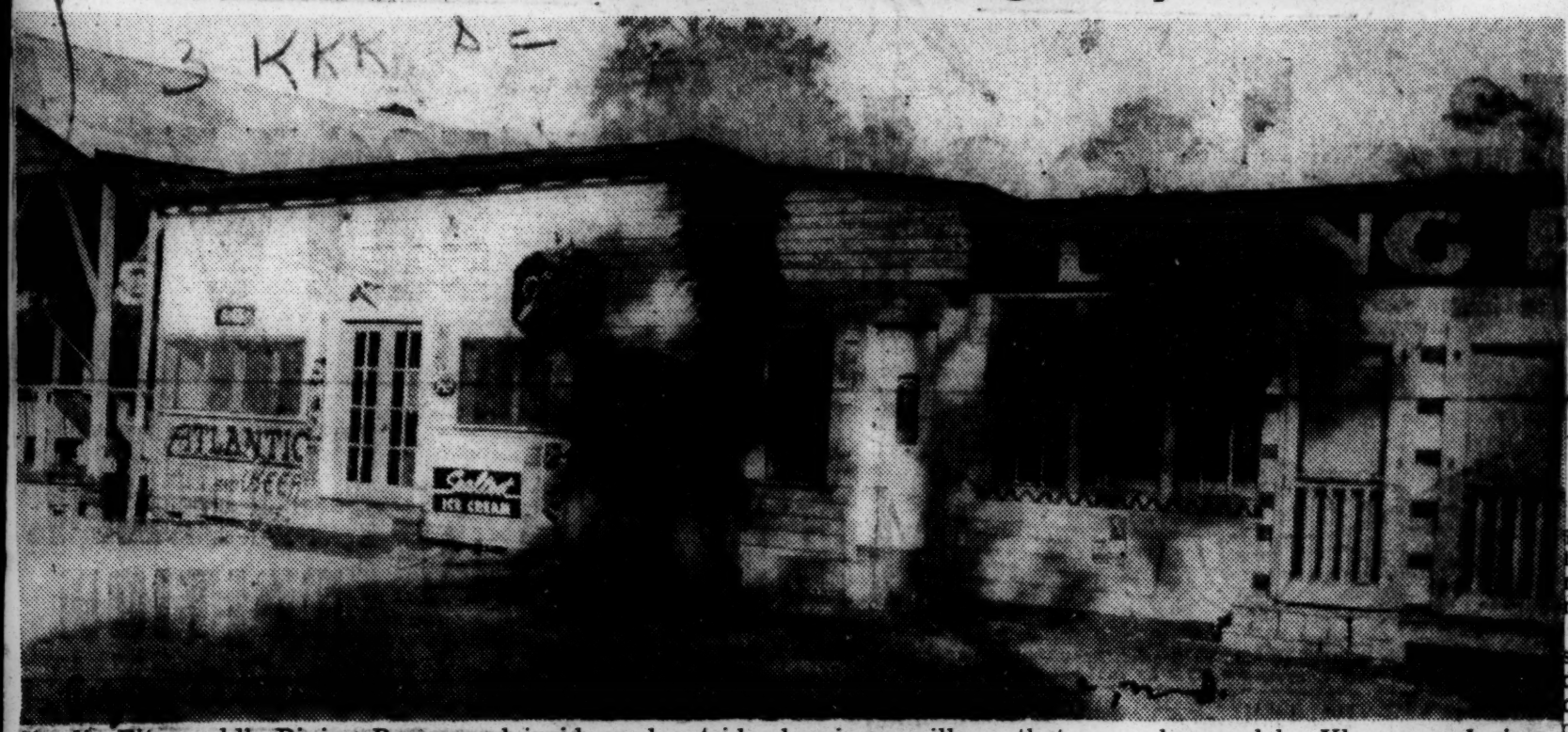
Clears Colored Residents

Sheriff Sasser after making a five-day probe of the event, declared in a radio broadcast that "There was nothing to show that the colored citizens had fired a shot."

The white farmer, Rufus Lee, 52, who was dragged from his sick bed last week and whipped by the Klan, said that he felt the Klan's act was motivated by his criticism of the KKK. He told Sheriff Sasser that his door was crashed in and his family badly frightened.

He added that when his two sons protested, they were chased down the road in their underwear. He told reporters that he was afraid the Klan would get him again after the rally, because they had told him not to go to the sheriff because, "he ain't done nothing with us yet."

Myrtle Beach Concession Damaged by Klanmen



Charlie Fitzgerald's Dining Room, and inside and outside dancing pavillons, that were damaged by Klansmen during recent night raid in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

8 Klansmen Found Guilty of Terrorism

By JOE MAXWELL

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Eight of nine members of the Ku Kluxbought the house on Jan. 15. Klan were found guilty Saturday "They put big red crosses all of misdemeanor charges involving over the house," he said, "result- recent cross burnings and dama- ing in some $150 damages." ges to properties by police court judge, E. McA Currie.

Sentence was reserved until Saturday, Sept. 16, when it is expected the hooded terrorists will be given a "long lecture."

Leader Goes Free

Robert Burton Elliott, believed to be the head of the local Klan group, was the only defendant found not guilty. He was charged with "conspiracy to commit trespass."

Elliott was alleged to have been the driver of a get-away car June 27 last when the first of two Klan-style crosses were burned in the yard of Mrs. Helen Ratcliff of 3600 Oakwood Ave.

Those found guilty are: Albert C. Cobb, Harold D. Farris, Silas Furr, A. T. McQueen, Grover Nunnery, F. M. Caldwell, J. C. Baucom and S. R. Hucks.

Victim Testifies

During the trial, Napoleon McRae took the witness stand and described to Solicitor Tom Lane and private prosecutor Basil Boyd how the hoodlums damaged his home in the then heavily mixed neighborhood the night of Jan. 22 last.

McRae said he and his wife

An AFRO reporter inspected the scene the morning of Jan. 23 and found that the red crosses were huge and crudely painted.

Paint was also smeared on the home of Georgia Gaddy in the same manner as McRae's, detectives said.

Two Plead Guilty

Two of the Klansmen, Hucks and McQueen, pleaded guilty to damaging the Gaddy property, but Caldwell entered a no defense plea and was found guilty.

McQueen was described as the kiligraff or secretary of the local Klavern, a unit of the Association of Georgia Klans.

Evidence presented included the cross which was burned Aug. 30 in the yard of Mrs. Helen Ratcliff, white; part of the white fence that was burned from the cross; and some records allegedly the property of McQueen, the Klan's secretary.

White Woman Victim

Mrs. Ratcliff testified that shortly after she came home the evening of Aug. 30, some men came into her yard with a large cross which they set afire. It made a big blaze and burned part of her fence.

Her gunshots sent them sprawling away to a near-by car, she said, but none of them was hit.

Sleuths' Work Told

Police Chief Frank N. Littlejohn and Dets. Coy Sykes and Lewis Bowlin investigated and found the names of 80 Klansmen here. From this list they were able to find the actual participants in the recent acts of terrorism.

Judge Currie cut in on the testimony to question whether the original charges could be considered as "conspiracy to breach the peace."

Private prosecutor Basil Boyd, who is a city councilman, said; "If that isn't a breach, a willfully planned, malicious breach of the peace, I don't know what is."

However, when some legal differences were explained to Judge Currie, he agreed to consider the charge as one of "conspiracy to trespass."

December Terror Recalled

Police Chief Littlejohn told the AFRO right after the klan invaded the Edison St. area and bombed the home of Nonnie Miller last December: "It may take us a little time, Joe, but the responsible parties will be caught."

People in the Edison St. area stayed up several nights then hugging their guns. "Where will they strike next?" was the constant query.

Stickers of the KKK were left on the windshield of cars. One had been put on this reporter's car during the night, but I didn't noticed it until people started noticing me.

Hostile Neighborhood

Chief Littlejohn kept an all night watch on the area, stopping all suspicious cars entering herein.

Everybody white in the mixed district was hostile toward the colored "migrators." The white newspaper carrier would not put the morning nor afternoon papers on porches of colored families.

The papers were thrown in the yards in all kinds of weather. "We'll run you out yet," Nonnie Miller said the white papercarrier told him one day.

Woman Given Credit

It was alleged that the carrier was getting his instructions from an older brother, who was alleged to have participated in the actual bombing of the Miller home.

"Even though Chief Littlejohn and his men have done a splendid job in apprehending the responsible Klansmen," a citizen said, "it took a white woman to really get action."

Klan Riot Is Linked With 25 Men Jailed

CONWAY, S. C., — (INS)— A "definite link" was established on yesterday between the South Carolina Ku Klux Klan and 25 men arrested earlier in the week in connection with a Klan riot.

Horry County Sheriff C. E. Sasser, the grey-haired peace officer directing the current Klan crackdown, said records taken in a raid on the state grand dragon's house at Leesville established the link.

One of Sasser's deputies and three state constabulary officers staged the raid on the home of Thomas Hamilton, now out of jail on bond.

In Conway, Sasser said the records seized showed Klan correspondence between Hamilton and the others.

The sheriff, who made the arrests in spite of threats on his life, said "about all" of the 25 men have been released on bond, but he did not identify them by name.

The mass arrests were made following the death of a Conway policeman who, wearing a police uniform under his Klan sheet, was participating in a KKK parade at Myrtle Beach, S. C.

The policeman, James D. Johnston, was shot Saturday night after the parade developed into a shooting fracas outside a Negro night club. Charlie Fitzgerald, owner of the club, was cleared in the shooting after it was discovered that he had been locked in the trunk of an automobile when Johnston was killed.

Tension Seethes In Resort Town After Klan Raids

MYRTLE BEACH, S. C. — Tension continues to seethe like a smouldering flame in this pretty Atlantic seacoast resort town, even though nearly two weeks have passed since a Ku Klux Klan demonstration in the Negro section ended in the slaying of a white police officer wearing the robes of the infamous Klan.

CONWAY, S. C.—(ANP)—Possibly 100 persons will be arrested in connection with the Ku Klux Klan's recent attack on Negroes in Myrtle Beach, Sheriff C. Ernest Sasser of Horry County declared this week.

He made this announcement as he jailed eight more persons in connection with the battle between Negroes and whites which brought on the death of a white policeman wearing a Klan robe over his uniform.

With Thomas L. Hamilton, Grand Dragon of the South Carolina Klans, and two other whites jailed as a result of the violence, Sheriff C. E. Sasser gave a clean bill of health to Charles Fitzgerald, prominent Negro dance hall proprietor, accused by Klansmen in the fatal shooting.

Sheriff Sasser revealed that Fitzgerald had been slugged by the Klansmen in the sixty-car motorcade and then stuffed into the trunk of a Klansman's car. He was in the trunk when the fatal bullets struck Policeman James D. Johnston in the back. Johnston was wearing the Klan robe over his regular police uniform.

Rumors that the FBI was conducting an investigation into the affair could not be confirmed as Justice Department spokesmen maintained a tight-lipped silence. It was known, however, that an FBI probe had been demanded by Walter White, NAACP executive secretary, in a special message to the Department of Justice last week.

CITES U. S. LAW

Mr. White told The Courier that the NAACP had requested Department of Justice action under authority of Title 18, Section 241, U. S. Criminal Code, which makes it a Federal offense to go upon a highway in disguise to deny civil rights to any citizen. An investigation of the local police department was asked also under Title 18, Section 242 of the U. S. Criminal Code.

At the same time the NAACP threw the full weight of its legal machinery into the picture to aid Mr. Fitzgerald and other Negroes involved in the situation. The national NAACP office requested Gov. J. Strom Thurmond to insure the fullest protection to keep Mr. Fitzgerald safe from further molestation and to prevent further violence against him or others.

DELIBERATE INCIDENT

On-the-spot NAACP investigators told how several Klansmen came to "Happy Hill," the site of Mr. Fitzgerald's dance hall on Aug. 26, warned him that too much noise was being made, attacked him and left. Fitzgerald called Sheriff Sasser at Conway—about twenty miles away—and Police Chief H. T. Barker of Myrtle Beach, warning them that trouble would break out if the Klansmen were allowed to return.

The Klansmen returned and the shootings took place. The hooded riders fired more than 300 shots into the Negro section, and Johnston was killed in the melee.

Two schools of thought sought to explain the "why's" of the outburst, which — incidentally —was the third demonstration in recent weeks.

TWO 'REASONS'

One said the Klansmen charged that white women were coming to the Negro section for "immoral" purposes. This was vigorously denied. It was pointed out that white men and women had visited Mr. Fitzgerald's dance hall together because it was his custom to bring "big name" bands to play for dances there and the whites came to listen to the high-powered music.

The other contention was that the whites—though not openly—were jealous of Mr. Fitzgerald, because of his success in business ventures which have brought him substantial funds. An observer said the violence was part of an organized campaign to drive Negroes from the area. They pointed out, also, that Atlantic Beach, owned entirely by Negroes, is a nicer beach than Myrtle Beach, owned by whites.

FITZGERALD'S BUSINESSES

Incidentally, the slain policeman had won the Democratic nomination to serve as magistrate of Conway County beginning his term in March, 1951. Approximately 1,500 whites attended his funeral.

Mr. Fitzgerald owns a motor court built three years ago at a cost of $63,000; a hotel in Conway worth $20,000 or $25,000, and a taxi business with six cabs in Myrtle Beach. He also owns several concessions at Happy Hill and other concessions at Atlantic Beach.

Death Climax of Terror Reign

Businessman Shot in Foot, Locked Up

KLANSMEN WARNED

25 Car-Loads Routed in 'Happy Hill' Fray

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C.—An off-duty white police officer lay dead early Monday morning and the operator of a string of businesses in this section was in an undisclosed South Carolina jail as a result of a pitched battle late Saturday night between some 30 automobiles containing robed Klansmen and colored persons relaxing at "Happy Hill."

At Conway, Horry County seat, Sheriff C. Ernest Sasser, identified the dead man as John Daniel Johnston, 47, of the Conway police force.

He said the other principal, held in jail, was Charlie Fitzgerald, whom the sheriff said had been wounded in the foot during the exchange of pistol shots at about 11 p.m., on Saturday.

Had Been Voted Magistrate

Johnston, Sasser said, had been nominated in July primaries to the office of magistrate in the first district of Horry County and was to have assumed office on March 1, 1951.

Coroner John S. Dix, said Johnston died at 12:08 a.m., Sunday from a .38-calibre pistol bullet, which had entered the left shoulder and passed out of the body through the right collar bone.

Police Chief H. T. Barkeer at Conway (20 miles north of Myrtle Beach) said Johnston had been a member of the Conway police force since 1945.

Sasser said preliminary investigation indicated that the shooting occurred when the Klansmen defied a warning issued earlier by Fitzgerald.

Told Klansmen He'd Shoot

Witnesses on "Happy Hill" said that the Klansmen had first appeared about 8 p.m., Saturday and after they had left Fitzgerald sent word to law enforcement officers and to Klansmen that should they re-appear there would be shooting.

They did re-appear at 11 p.m., Saturday and one of the Klansmen is said to have asked for "that black b . . . . Charlie."

It was not clear late Monday as to what precipitated the shooting but it is known that shots were fired on both sides.

Intruders "Scared Sheetless"

Three of the robed figures quickly discarded their sheets, during the melee; and these were turned over to officers Sunday.

At Conway, Coroner Dix said he had reasons to believe that Johnston was wearing the regalia of the Ku Klux Klan when he was shot. However, when he inspected the body at Conway Hospital the garment had been removed.

The shooting climaxed the several weeks' of Klan activity in this coastal section of South Carolina at Atlantic Beach, 14 miles east of here.

Several crosses have been burned and several parades were made recently. During one parade colored residents were told to get out of the beach area.

Atlantic Beach is an all-colored beach resort sandwiched in between Ocean Drive and Windy Hill beaches, both white. Myrtle Beach is 14 miles away from Atlantic Beach; while "Happy Hill" is 13 miles away.

Mr. Fitzgerald owns a motor court, completed three years ago at a cost of $63,000. Iin addition he owns a $20,000 hotel in the town of Conway, a taxicab line here and operates several concessions at his place on "Happy Hill" and at Atlantic Beach.

Held Man Has Influence

Coming here from Columbia several years ago, he has also operated other businesses at Moncks Corner, Lake City, Conway and several other places.

He is reported to be worth more than $100,000 in business and has considerable influence with leading persons of both races in this section.

The case is being investigated by State Constabulary Chief O. L. Brady, who arrived here early Sunday morning with six deputies Sheriff Sasser and his officers, as well as local police officers.

Late Monday, no announcement was made as to who fired the fatal shot that killed Johnston. However, Sesser said that his office expected an arrest shortly.

SOUTH CAROLINA KLAN IS WARNED BY SHERIFF

CONWAY, S. C., Nov. 12 (UP)—An embattled sheriff warned the Ku Klux Klan today after its jubilee here that some of its robed celebrators were to be arrested in Horry County's nightriding violence.

Sheriff C. E. Sasser said the Federal Bureau of Investigation and postal authorities had traced threatening letters received by law enforcement agents to members of the South Carolina Klan and that several members would be arrested in a few days.

Mr. Sasser said the arrests would be his answer to the boast of Grand Dragon Thomas Hamilton at a huge cross-burning last night that the Klan was going to "brand" law enforcement officers who took bribes.

Hamilton and twelve other persons were arrested on charges of inciting a riot but were released for lack of evidence.

The sheriff said Hamilton had made no move toward offering the county solicitor his information about the purported bribes, nor had he tried to claim the $1,000 reward recently offered for help in convicting any dishonest officer.

Victim of Klan Meted $76 Fine

By JOHN H. McCRAY

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Victim of a vicious beating and mutilation by Ku Klux Klan members, wealthy Charles Fitzgerald of Myrtle Beach made a speedy exit from the State late Friday after paying fines totaling $76 for possession of a pistol ($25.50) and a film strip ($50.50).

Since the brutal attack on him by 100 Klansmen on Aug. 26, Mr. Fitzgerald had been shuttled among three places of detention, mostly for his own safety.

He had been out of jail for 14 hours when he was picked up for investigation as he was getting a ride to his farm in the central part of the State.

Ear Slit as Warning

During the Aug. 26 attack, just outside of the club he operates, at Happy Hill, Mr. Fitzgerald was lashed at least 200 times, had his head bashed in and had his left ear slit as a "Klan warning" to others.

Meanwhile, unconfirmed reports have been circulated that a second Klansman has died of wounds received during the battle at Happy Hill. The first known dead was James D. Johnston, a city police officer.

Was Sick, Family Said

Reports that a second had died came after a statement in a prominent Klan's home said that he had been shot the night before, presumably while on the Klan mission. Emphasis was given here (less than 100 went to other candidates) enabling him to win was slated to take over on March the office of magistrate, which he 1, 1951.

Meanwhile the total number of suspected Klansmen arrested in connection with the Happy Hill attack was brought to 12 with the arrest last week of Greenville Sawyer, about 30, at his home in Effingham.

Mr. Fitzgerald had arrived here about 4 a.m. from Myrtle Beach Friday morning in a cab driven by James (Candy Boy) Sewell, whom he had befriended previously. He was going to his farm to get a car he was to use for the rest of his journey "for a few days" to an out-of-state city.

High-Flying Flag

The excited cab driver for gotto flip his meter flag, operated in connection with the pickup ligh atop the cab.

A white patrolman flagged dow the taxi to investigate the ligh saw the pasteboard box holdin Mr. Fitzgerald's effects and checking its contents, found be the pistol and filmstrip.

Those, along with other perso effects, had been hastily thrown during the few minutes Mr. Fi gerald had spent at home followi release from jail, to say goodb to his pretty wife, Mrs. Sara Fi gerald, and their three-year-o son, Bobby.

Twice, between the four-hour d tention on an "investigatio charge, city court had begun trial, to delay it. The third tim the courtroom was cleared of spectators, and the fines were i posed after attaches listened to e periences of the man whose life due only to his own ingenuity.

This reporter, to whom Mr. Fi gerald sent word through the c driver, upon being arrested, spe most of the late morning and t afternoon with the victim, perso ally driving him on to his far

Tells Story Of Klanism

Mr. Fitzgerald's story cann yet be told in toto, because to so would mitigate against his pe sonal safety, that of his wife a son, and would also stym planned legal action to prosecu effectively his violators.

Fitzgerald's Advice to Victims of Klan

If you should ever be visited or snatched by the Ku Klux Klan, what should you do?

Charlie Fitzgerald of Myrtle Beach, S.C., abducted and beaten the night of Aug. 26, offers this plan:

1. When they arrive don't act scared and jittery. That's what they want you to do. Above all, don't run. Stand your ground.

2. If one hits you, don't cower and whine. If you can, knock hell out of him though 15 more might do the same thing to you. It won't hurt you long, nor much and you'll be proud of the hurt if you've hurt one of them.

3. Keep your head and your eyes open. They make a bunch of mistakes. You may be able to break free, if you keep your head.

4. Try to remember car numbers, voices and every face you can see. This help officers track them down. It has helped in my case.

5. Don't put so much of your business, nor that of your people, in the heads of white people. You don't know who is and who isn't a klansman.

6. And even if they beat you unmercifully, don't tell klansmen anything. If they are going to kill you, they'll do it anyway; besides, if you don't tell them anything it'll make you feel prouder afterwards.

7. Above all, don't run or act scared. Running and frightened people are boosters for the klan. Those who stand still and fight back weaken them.

Law Cracks Down On Ku Kluxers

Seven Convicted In Charlotte, N. C., 13 Rounded-up In S. C.

CONWAY, S. C.—(NNPA)—Police investigation of cross burnings and other Klan activities occurring lately in sections of the two Carolinas resulted last week in a dozen arrests in Horry county, S. C., and seven convictions in Charlotte, N. C.

The Arrests in Horry county reached a baker's dozen last Wednesday night, Sheriff C. E. Sasser said.

In Charlotte, seven of the eight persons, charged on various counts involving recent cross-burnings and damage to property were found guilty in City Police Court Saturday. They are scheduled to come before Justice E. M. Currie for sentencing next Saturday.

FOUR OF THE men, A. T. McQueen, Grover Nunnery, Robert Burton Elliott and F. M. Caldwell were tried on charges of "conspiracy to commit trespass." Elliott, who was alleged to have driven the getaway car for the other three on the night of June 27 when the first of two Ku Klux Klan crosses were burned in the yard of Mrs. Helen Ratcliff, of Charlotte, was dismissed. The charge is a misdemeanor. McQueen, Nunnery and Caldwell entered pleas of no defense.

Detective C. J. Dixon explained to the court that the last three men admitted taking part in the Ratcliff home cross burning.

A cross was built by McQueen and Nunnery, the detective said, and taken to the house by Caldwell and Nunnery. He said Caldwell admitted lighting the kerosene-soaked symbol of Klan terrorism, then fled to the automobile in which Elliott was waiting.

Others convicted in the case were Albert C. Cobb, Harold D. Farris, and Silas Funn and James C. Baucom.

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ALSO IN CHARLOTTE, charges which were results of a paint-smearing at the home of Napoleon McRae, a colored resident, on the night of January 22, the following were tried for damage to property:

S. R. Hucks, who pleaded nolle contendre; McQueen, who entered a plea of guilty, and F. M. Caldwell, who pleaded no defense.

McRae told how the home which he had bought in a mixed Negro-and-white neighborhood was damaged:

"Big red crosses, as big as these on the side of Army trucks, were put all over the house," McRae stated.

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McRAE ESTIMATED that the damages would take as much as $150 to repair. He and his wife bought the house about January 15, hardly a week before the offense occurred.

The home of Georgia Gaddy, in the same neighborhood, was also damaged on the night of January 22 in the same way, Detective Sykes said.

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SOUTH CAROLINA'S Sheriff said that he had receivel a telegram from Sam Roper, imperial wizard of the Georgia Association of Klans, disclaiming any association with the group being investigated in Horry county in his state.

Sheriff Sasser said he is still studying a list from a confiscated brief case containing names of Klan members in the state and said more arrests will follow, some as far away as 300 miles. Four more warrants have been issued.

The thirteenth man to be arrested in the county was Greenville Sawyer, Jr., about 30, who was taken into custody at his home in Effingham last Tuesday night. He was released on his own recognizance until later when he was to post bond.

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SHERIFF SASSER QUOTED Sawyer as saying he was present at the Klan raid on the dance hall of Charlie Fitzgerald, a colored man, at Happy Hill, near Myrtle Beach, which resulted in the death of a policeman wearing Klan regalia. Sawyer said he was innocent of any shooting.

Sheriff Sasser added that Sawyer turned over his Klan robe and said he "did not endorse such activities."

The sheriff quoted a statement by Sawyer saying he received a letter from Thomas L. Hamilton, self-styled grand dragon of the South Carolina Klans, asking Sawyer to meet the Klan near Myrtle Beach for a "membership parade." He said he thought the parade would break up at the assembly point.

Instead the Ku Kluxers stopped at the night spot operated by Fitzgerald and he was blocked in, unable to move his automobile.

Shooting started immediately, he said. He told the sheriff that he did not know Fitzgerald or the reputation of any of the colored places on the beach.

White Worker Adds to Counts Facing Carolina Klan Head

CAMDEN, S.C. (ANP) — More trouble came last week to Thomas L. Hamilton, grand dragon of the Associated Carolina Ku Klux Klan. He has been charged with inciting the beating of a white YWCA swimming instructor, Leslie L. Boney of Sumter.

According to Boney, he was attacked Aug. 2 by KKK paraders when his youngsters were looking at the hooded order along the road while returning to Sumpter with their 'Y' midget swimming team. His car had passed, he says, when the Klansmen stopped the second one. The men beat him, he says, when he returned to inquire why they had stopped the second auto.

Already, Hamilton is out on $5,000 bail on charges of inciting a riot in connection with the Myrtle Beach attack on a colored dance hall during which a white policeman wearing a Klan robe over his uniform was killed.

Klan Chief Faces Charge In Beating

CAMDEN, S. C., Sept. 18 (U.P.)—Thomas L. Hamilton, grand dragon of the Associated Carolina Klans, was charged today with conspiring to incite mob violence against a white YMCA swimming instructor who said he was beaten up by Klansmen.

Magistrate John C. Langford issued a warrant for Hamilton's arrest on a complaint by Leslie L. Boney of Sumter. Boney charged that he was dragged from his car by Klansmen on a highway near Bishopville, S. C., last Aug. 12, and beaten up when he came on a Klan assemblage.

The swimming instructor said he was bringing home two carloads of Sumter youths from a swimming contest at Kannapolis, N. C., when the incident occurred. The Klansmen allowed his car to pass, but stopped the second car, he said.

Boney said when he stopped his car to find out what was wrong he was pulled out and beaten, and left on the road. Hamilton was in charge of the robed group, he said.

Langford said State Constabulary agents already has served the warrant on Hamilton in Leesville, his home. He will be arraigned for a hearing "without delay," the magistrate added.

Hamilton also must face court action soon in Conway, S. C., where he was freed under bond last month after a policeman was shot in a Ku Klux Klan demonstration outside a Negro dance hall at Myrtle Beach.

Klan Raid Talk Granted NAACP

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5—(AP)—A Ku Klux Klan raid Aug. 24 of a Negro dance hall at Myrtle Beach, S. C., will be discussed with the Justice Department Thursday by an attorney for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

A Department official said a conference has been arranged between Thurgood Marshall, New York, special counsel for the Association, and George Triedman, head of the Department's Civil Rights section.

Tells Carolina Klan To Cease Operations

COLUMBIA, S. C. -(ANP)- A warning to the Ku Klux Klan to go out of existence was made here last week by Governor-elect James F. Byrnes, who begins a four-year term of office in January. Speaking before a Democratic banquet audience of about 600 persons, he said:

'Recently we have had two unfortunate incidents of violations of law by men wearing sheets. The press states that the grand dragon of the Klan denied that the violation of law referred to was committed by members of his organization.

"Accepting his statement as true, it only proves that existence of such an organization encourages lawless men to commit crimes and attribute them to the organization.

"We know the Klansmen are few in number, but the people of the nation do not know it. Many of these men do not realize the harm they are doing the state. I hope they will withdraw from the organization and leave to the state the duty of punishing violators of the law.

'But if any of them are under any misapprehension as to what will be the policy after January, 1 want them to know that in this state there can be but one government, presided over by a governor elected by the people."

The incidents referred to were the recent gu nbattle between Negroes and the Klan at Myrtle Beach, in which a robed policeman was killed; and the whipping of a white farmer by robed men last week.

Our Opinions

The Klan Strikes Again

THE RACE RELATIONS experts have been telling us that the Ku Klux Klan has been dying for the last decade or more. If the Klan is as dead as we are told, it certainly is making the strangest kind of corpse.

Last week in Conway, South Carolina, a gun battle involving Negroes and parading Klansmen resulted in the death of one of the robed figures. The dead Kluxer turned out to be none other than a member of the Conway police department who had just been elected a magistrate. He was slated to take office March 1, 1951.

A Negro, Charles Fitzgerald, who operates a recreation hall at nearby Myrtle Beach was jailed. The gun battle between the Klansmen and the Negroes allegedly took place in front of his establishment. The facts are still being investigated but it appears that the Negroes refused to be intimidated by Klan threats and the battle ensued.

At this writing, the grand dragon of South Carolina has been arrested and all sorts of probes and investigations are underway. Certainly we hope that this flurry of official excitement will bear fruit but history teaches us to keep our fingers crossed.

Nothing short of a full dress Federal crack-down on the Klan similar to the attack on Red subversives can do the job that needs to be done for the sake of our democracy. Both the Communists and the Klansmen preach violence to attain their ends.

Jail S. C. Klan Dragon Sheriff Says More In Attack On Negroes Arrests To Follow

CONWAY, S. C.—Following the fatal shooting of a Klan-garbed state policeman during a raid on a Negro dance hall near here last week, Sheriff C. E. Sasser this week jailed Thomas L. Hamilton, grand dragon of the South Carolina Klan, and 10 of his henchmen for "conspiracy to stir up mob violence."

The sheriff cleared Charlie Fitzgerald, owner of the dance hall which bore the brunt of the KKK shooting attack, of all possible charges in the hooded mob's war on the Negro area.

Fitzgerald was arrested shortly after about 60 sheeted terrorists raided his popular resort and fired more than 300 shots in and around his dance hall in true gangland style.

Killed By Stray Shot

Investigation by the sheriff and state policemen showed, however, that Fitzgerald couldn't have shot the officer, James D. Johnson.

"Our investigation shows," Lt. Roy Williams said, "that not a Negro fired a shot. Johnston was killed by a stray shot fired by a Klansman."

The current whereabouts of Fitzgerald was not known at press time but it is believed that police haev taken him to an undisclosed jail for safe keeping.

NAACP Acts

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People swung into action immediately after the uprising. Executive Secretary Walter White offered full legal assistance to Fitzgerald and any other victims of the riot.

The Association also asked the Department of Justice to probe the violence and to make it a Federal offense to go upon a highway in disguise to deny civil rights to any citizen.

Gov. Strom Thurmond was asked to insure the fullest protection to Fitzgerald and others in the strife-ridden area.

The Klan attack, believed to be part of a campaign to drive Negroes out the Myrtle Beach area, came after Klan Boss Hamilton led a motor cavalcade through Myrtle Beach. Fitzgerald warned them that violence would result if they returned.

Invade Dance Hall

They did return. Invading the dance hall, they grabbed and beat Fitzgerald and imprisoned him in the trunk of a Klansman's car.

The shooting followed and in the wild spree of gunfire, Johnston was hit. He died in a Conway hospital.

Beneath the traditional garb of the Ku Klux Klan, he wore the uniform of a State Policeman. Only a month before, he had been elected to the post of magistrate.

The probe show that "a number of substantial citizens" are members of the Klan. R. L. Sims, Jr., of Florence, a beer salesman, and a service station operator, J. R. Creel of Conway, were arrested along with their leader.

Discharge Police Officer

Another police officer, T. M. Floyd, of Lory, was accused of being a member of the assault party. He was discharged from the force.

Lt. Williams said members of the Klan had spread the rumor that white women were going into the Negro community for "immoral purposes." He and Sheriff Sasser said this was not true.

He said several white people went to Fitzgerald's dance hall when "name" bands were brought in. They came "to watch the Negroes dance."

In a radio broadcast Sasser branded the Klan action as "one of the most outrageous things that could have happened to our community."

Carolina Klan Dragon Cleared in Mob Death

CONWAY, S. C.—Grand Dragon Thomas Hamilton, of the Carolinas' Ku Klux Klan, has been cleared of charges in connection with a hooded demonstration that resulted in the death of an off-duty policeman, James D. Johnson, who was wearing a Klan robe over his uniform when shot.

CONWAY, S. C.—(ANP)—Sheriff C. Ernest Sasser of Horry county this week arrested Thomas L. Hamilton, grand dragon of the South Carolina Ku Klux Klan, in connection with last week's Klan attack on the Negro resort area of Myrtle Beach.

The sheriff also cleared Charlie Fitzgerald, Negro owner of a dance hall which bore the brunt of the KKK shooting attack, of all possible charges in the robed race-baiters' war on the Negro area.

This latest of a series of Klan prowls through Negro communities in this area resulted in the death of James Daniel Johnston, a white policeman who wore his uniform under his white robe. The shooting of Johnston brought on an immediate investigation of the series of raids on the Negro communities along the Atlantic sea coast.

Hamilton was arrested on charges of "conspiracy to stir up mob violence." Fitzgerald earlier had been arrested with no specific charges being made against him. He was taken to an undisclosed jail for safekeeping, following the death of the police officer. No charges have been filed against him, however. Sheriff Hasser, who has already arrested eight persons, said a possible 100 may be arrested during his investigation.

Underlying cause for Fitzgerald's arrest was his defiance of the Klan. After the hooded order had staged several parades through Myrtle Beach, Fitzgerald warned it that another march through the Negro area would mean trouble.

Immediately after his warning, the fascistic group organized nearly 200 men to roll through the area in 60 automobiles. The Klan moved in shooting. Fitzgerald's club was its main objective.

Negroes, fighting to save their property and protect themselves from night after night of terror, were ready and fought back. Everything stopped, however, when one of the Klansmen, a policeman in uniform, although off duty, was shot in the back with a .38 calibre slug.

His cohorts took him to the Conway hospital where he died a few hours later.

The dead man earlier this year had been elected to serve as magistrate of Conway county, his term to begin in March, 1951.

The NAACP announced that ii would support Fitzgerald to the fullest in case of legal action agains thim. The association also asked for federal intervention in the situation.

Gov. J. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina pledged the state to give the sheriff "all the cooperation and assistance he desires in the investigation."

Mayor J. N. Ramsey of Myrtle Beach was reported out of town.

The attack was judged by many persons as part of a drive to get Negroes off the beautiful sea coast here. Myrtle Beach proper is a resort for white people along the Atlantic ocean. Next to it is Atlantic Beach, a luxurious vacation spot run by Negroes.

This raid was just one of several recent Klan attacks against Negroes in this area. Earlier about 20 cars suffocating with hooded whites invaded Anderson and surrounded a Negro cafe and pool room.

About 25 Negroes fled when they saw the white robed men, but one Negro had the nerve to ask them what they wanted. His answer was a lash with a belt. When he drew his knife to defend himself, Policeman Roy Wilson, who witnessed the event, pulled out his gun and disarmed him.

The KKK told the cafe owner Gordon Williams, that it wanted him to stop all "unnecessary" noises while a revival meeting (of Negroes) was being held.

In the Myrtle Beach attack the white supremacy order used a similar dodge in attacking Fitzgerald.

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KKK Burns Cross On Local Lawn

By EDWARD MURRAIN

Geographically, a great many miles separate Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and Hyde Road, South Ozone Park, but the infamous Ku Klux Klan spanned this tide to leave its stigma of hate and intolerance upon the Negro residents of both localities this week.

While Myrtle Beach echoed the Klan's vicious anti-Negro raid of last week, a young Negro family of four, returning to their newly purchased Queens home early Sunday morning, found a sign on their front doorstep reading "K.K.K. Get - Out", and the front of their neat 2-story home creamed with crank case oil.

Reginald Bishop, a Queens auto mechanic, his wife, Xera, a Bellevue Hospital attendant, and their two sons, Howard, 16, and Robert, 14, moved into the predominantly white South Ozone Park section four months ago, with the purchase of a six room stucco home from a white tenant. Up until last week they had experienced no outward display of resentment from their neighbors. Then one day last week they discovered their 1940 Cadillac smeared with the same type of black oil which was later used on their house.

This reporter, in a visit to the Bishop home Tuesday, discovered a complete lack of fear or hysteria on the part of the family. The neatly furnished downstairs, and the many evidences of permenancy in the clean yard and the colorful garden, bespoke the Bishop's determination not to be coerced into leaving their quarters. Mrs. Bishop said they had moved from Brooklyn because "the two boys wanted a quiet neighborhood to live in," and the jut of her chin made us realize she was ready for any eventuality.

Neighbors Surprised

We queried many of the white neighbors concerning their feelings towards their new neighbors, and their reaction to the fast spreading news about the K.K.K. message. In every case these veteran white homeowners denied that there was any resentment towards the Negro family, and each expressed his resentment and surprise at the appearance of the KKK stigma. The populace of this Queens surburb, consisting mainly of Swedes, Germans, and Italians, look upon racial barriers as a bar to the development of their community, and echoed the hope that the people rsponsible for the KKK attack would speedily be apprehended and punished.

We spoke to Mr. Avery, a white John Hancock Insurance salesman, who cited the case of Mr. Charles Kerner, a Negro motion picture operator, and his wife who have lived in a home directly in front of the Bishop house for the past twenty-five years, and the popularity they enjoyed in the neighborhood. He spoke of the predominantly colored 122nd Ave., a scant three blocks from the Bishops, and of the absence of resentment in the white residents toward the rapidly growing migration of Negroes into the select area.

Klan Chief Accused of S. C. Beating

CAMDEN, S. C., Sept. 18—(AP)—The Grand Dragon of the Carolina's Ku Klux Klan has been charged with conspiracy to incite mob violence in connection with the alleged beating of a Sumter YMCA worker by members of the robed order.

Magistrate John C. Langford, Jr., of Camden, said Monday he had signed a warrant against Grand Dragon Thomas Hamilton on complaint of Leslie J. Boney.

The warrant charged that Boney had been slapped, punched and beaten with a leather strap by Klansmen on Saturday night, Aug. 12, on a country road between Bethune and Bishopville.

It was the second time Hamilton had been charged with conspiracy to incite mob violence in connection with a Klan demonstration. One other warrant charges that two weeks after the Boney incident the Grand Dragon participated in a demonstration at Myrtle Beach during which Klansmen fired hundreds of shots in a battle with Negroes. A Conway policeman who was wearing a KKK robe over his police uniform was fatally shot during the Myrtle Beach demonstration.

Hamilton is free in $5,000 bond in connection with the Myrtle Beach demonstration.

SOUTH CAROLINA RACE WAR

Around 8 p.m. on August 26, the Ku Klux Klan started gathering outside Happy Hill, a Negro dance hall near Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, a fashionable summer resort for white people. One of the Klansmen told Charles Fitzgerald, owner of the night club, that there was too much noise, and the KKK left. Fitzgerald called Sheriff Ernest Sasser and the Chief of Police of Myrtle Beach to warn them of the trouble that would ensue if the Klansmen should return. A few minutes later the KKK marched back and, during the battle that followed, a Klansman was killed. When his white robe was removed, he was identified as James D. Johnston, a Myrtle Beach policeman. He was wearing his uniform under his Klan robe.

Sheriff Sasser has arrested the Grand Dragon of the KKK in South Carolina, Thomas L. Hamilton, charging him with "conspiracy to stir up mob violence." Charges had already been brought against Hamilton in connection with a Klan parade the week before near Myrtle Beach.

Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, reports that this KKK demonstration is the third in recent weeks and "appears to be part of an organized campaign to drive Negroes from the area." Fitzgerald owns a motor court, a hotel, a taxicab business and several concessions at Happy Hill and Atlantic Beach. White points out that Atlantic Beach, owned entirely by Negroes, is considered a more desirable beach site than Myrtle Beach, owned by whites. It is sandwiched between Ocean Drive and Windy Hill Beach, and the Klan has made several expeditions there recently, "apparently trying to drive Negroes from this valuable property."

Although much of the recent mob violence in the South has been quietly ignored by local police officers, who have refused to coöperate with the FBI to obtain names of white persons involved, this is perhaps the first case in which there is unquestioned evidence of police participation in KKK activities. The NAACP has asked the Department of Justice to investigate the incident under Title 18, Section 242, of the US Criminal Code, which makes it a federal offense "to go upon the highway in disguise to deny any right or privilege secured by the Constitution of the United States."

Waring Terrorists Invade Negro Sector

CHARLESTON, S. C.—Not content with a reign of terror against Federal Judge and Mrs. J. Waties Waring, hoodlums here have spread their nefarious activities into the Negro section of this old city. A cross was burned here Saturday night in front of the home of the Hiram Bell family. Hiram Bell Jr. recently applied for entry to the University of South Carolina Medical School. The FBI is investigating.

Sheriff challenges K.K.K. leader's charge officers took bribes

CONWAY, S. C., Nov. 13—(AP)—An angry sheriff has challenged a Ku Klux Klan leader to prove his charges that law officers had taken "enormous sums" from businessmen.

Thomas Hamilton, grand dragon of the Carolinas Klan, made the accusation Saturday night before 5,000 people at a K. K. K. rally near here.

Sheriff C. E. Sasser of Horry County retorted: "It's absolutely not true. If Hamilton has any such information, let him bring it before the Grand Jury, and they will prosecute."

DRESSED IN A GREEN ROBE that caught reflections from a 20-foot cross burning nearby, Hamilton thundered:

"The lid is going to fly off before long and a lot of things will be revealed to the taxpayers of Horry County. I have affidavits from people who paid enormous sums of money to stay in business." He said the payments were to law enforcement officers, but he named no names.

The crowd applauded when Hamilton shouted:

"Any U. N. flag that flies over a Horry County schoolhouse . . . or any county that has got a Klan organization, is coming down." The U. N. banner will never take the place of the American flag, he said.

In the demonstration at the night club, Aug. 26, James Daniel Johnston, a Conway policeman, was shot to death. He was wearing a K. K. K. robe over his police uniform.

NIGHT RIDERS have been accused of terrorism in the Horry County tobacco land. Robed men have paraded through a Negro section of Conway on the eve of primary elections, shot up a Negro night club at Myrtle Beach, bull-

UNMASKED MEN IN 4 CARS CHARGED WITH VIOLENCE ON COUPLE

Mobsters Spirit Farmer, Wife To Woods, Whip, Force Them To Flee Without Clothing, Shoes At Night

SALUDA—(ANS)—How a group, estimated at between 12 and 15 white men, seized, savagely lashed in their night clothes, and anbandoned several miles from home without shoes Thursday night, February 9 was revealed near here by the assaulted sharecropper and his wife last Thursday evening to investigators working n the case.

The account of the abduction, at between 8 and 9 o'clock that night was told guardedly by Roosevelt McKinney, in his middle forties, and his wife, Louise, about 40, from their new home on highway 43, above Saluda, to which they hurriedly moved with 12 of their 13 children within the week. The 13th child, a girl, has been sent away, and the parents weren't inclined to disclose her whereabouts; nor would they tell investigators for the record who administered the brutal lashing, which netted Mr. McKinney a broken rib, and Mrs. McKinney such in juries as to prevent her sitting down for several days. However, they were positive that they knew some persons in the group, but were frightened even to state these to the persons conducting the investigation.

According to the version given investigators ,the McKinney family had lived for about a year on a farm in Saluda county, about three miles north of the Edgefield county line, on highway 19. About 8 or 9 o'clock, the night of February 9 they heard a voice outside of a white man they recognized, and fearing that a son who worked for the man, and who was not yet at home, might be in some sort of difficulty, Mr. McKinney went outside.

He was immediately seized and tossed into one of four cars.

After a bit, Mrs. McKinney, hearing her husband's pleas and sensing something was wrong, was about to go out when frantic knocking on the door halted her.

The door was finally broken down and one daughter who began to plead for her parents, is said to have been bashed in the head with a pistol butt. She was told by her assailant that the only reason she wasn't being taken along, too, was that she was an expectant mother.

Child Shot At

The McKinneys say that a 9 year old son who darted out of the house for the safety of a nearby field was shot at by one of the men as he fled but escaped injury.

Mrs. McKinney, resisting, was knocked unconscious with the butt of the pistol and later dragged in her night clothes outside and tossed in one of the cars.

The abductors rode their victims in separate cars to a yet undetermined distance above the town of Saluda, towards Greenwood, severeley lashed them in the deep woods, and ordered them to move off the farm at once, not to be seen together and get the girl involved "away from here."

Was Too Biggety

Asked if there was any reason why they should have been thusly treated, the couple could give no plausible answer, or at least wouldn't give one.

Asked if the abductors told them why they were so treated, Mr. McKinney said the only statement he recalled was:

"You think you are a bad and biggety n----r, but when we finish with you you'll be all right."

He is still under treatment of a physician at Johnston for a broken rib and other injuries, and Mrs. McKinney is suffering from bruises about the body and shock. They have not reported the incident under fear of their lives.

Roamed In Woods

The farm couple said that after the whippings they were told to "get out fast." They didn't know where they were, roamed the woods all night in the cold, and their misery, reaching the outskirts of Saluda at daybreak. Here, they were given food and shoes and clothing, and left to walked the 9 miles from here stock, which consists of two to their farm in lower Saluda county.

They owned their own farming mules, and are considered good and industrious workers by their neighbors.

Several attempts were reportedly made by their landlord to encourage them to remain on on the farm, but to no avail.

The McKinney children range in age from 18 to to two years. Neighbors intimate that there may have existed "bad blood" between them and some whites in the vicinity for some time, with versions of it flying thick and fast.

One such rumor involves one of the young women, significant since that one has been sent away by the family.

Cross Lit on Lawn Of Judge Waring

He Declares Action Typifies White 'Savagery' in South

CHARLESTON, S. C., March 12 (AP).—A small, crudely constructed cross with KKK scratched on the base was burned last night in front of Federal Judge J. Waties Waring's home.

He and his wife are under attack because of their outspoken racial views. Charleston police termed the cross burning the work of pranksters.

The Warings are in New York, where the jurist is presiding over a term of court. In New York, Judge Waring called the cross burning "disheartening and disgusting" and said it "seemed to represent the un-American spirit of Charleston and of South Carolina."

"This was no work of pranksters" he added. "There still are plenty of Klansmen in Charleston. My latest information is that the Klan has an organization of 400 or 500 there."

He termed the cross burning an "exhibition typical of the savagery of Southern white supremacists."

A neighbor discovered the burning cross and notified "The Charleston News and Courier," which sent reporters to the scene. Two reporters said they found a charred cross. Bits of burned cloth were hanging on the cross and other bits were found nearby on the ground. The reporters turned the blackened cross over to detective chief Hermar R. Berkman who promised an immediate investigation.

1,500 Klansmen Stage Fiery Election Show

WAGNER, S. C.—(INS)—More than 1,500 robed and hooded Klansmen marched through Wagner Friday night, burned a 12-foot fiery cross and held a meeting for "unofficial" remarks about Tuesday's South Carolina Democratic Primary.

The Ku Klux Klan really marked the second time in recent years that the hooded band has staged a demonstration just before a state-wide election.

Prior to the meeting, Thomas Hamilton, leader of the Associated Ku Klux Klan of the Carolinas, said the gathering would have "absolutely no connection" with the primary.

THE LEESBURG, S. C., grocer admitted, however, that "some of the boys" might speak "unofficially" about the candidates and their platforms.

The Klan speeches—which followed a two-hour barbecue roast at the edge of town—included several references to the election.

Wagner Police Chief T. F. Baugh described the meeting—witnessed by some 2,500 outsiders — as "calm and quiet." The Klansmen were not masked.

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IN COLUMBIA, both candidates for the Senatorial nomination wound up their official campaigns.

Gov. J. Strom Thurmond, who seeks to oust U.S. Sen. Olin D. Johnston, refused to comment on the KKK meeting. Johnston said he knew nothing about the demonstration.

Former Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, also completing his campaign, is the favorite in a field of four candidates for the governorship.

KKK Run Out Of Carolina

CONWAY, S. C.—(AP)—Authorities had the Ku Klux Klan on the run in both North and South Carolina today and the setting for the sheeted gentry's regular Saturday night hoedown switched to Florida.

The South Carolina highway patrol was ordered to break up any Klan parade that materialized in this state. The order read to disperse concentrations of people or cars on highways that would tend to impede traffic."

Chief Highway Commissioner Claude R. McMillan acknowledged that the order was issued solely to prevent another of the torch-lit Klan processions that have come off regularly on Saturday night for a month.

South Carolina Grand Dragon Thomas Hamilton, who had been locked up Thursday in connection with last Saturday's Myrtle Beach violence in which a policeman in a Klan robe was killed, got out under $5,000 bond last night.

Hamilton dropped from sight after his release but was supposed to turn up in Tallahassee, Fla., tonight to address a meeting of 400 members of the robed order of Florida.

CONWAY, S. C.—(AP)—The grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan in South Carolina was being held in an undisclosed jail today on charges of "conspiracy to stir up mob violence."

Thomas L. Hamilton was jailed late yesterday following an investigation by Sheriff C. E. Sasser of Horry county and state constabulary officers into a Klan parade and the subsequent death of a Klan-robed policeman who was still in uniform.

In a dramatic radio speech here last night, Sasser let the public in on the findings of the probe into the death Saturday of policeman James D. Johnston of Conway.

The sheriff also declared that a Negro nightclub proprietor had no part in the slaying. The Negro, Charlie Fitzgerald, has been held at an undisclosed jail since shortly after Johnston's death.

Sasser told his radio audience this story:

Saturday night about 60 robed and hooded Klansmen headed by Hamilton paraded through Myrtle Beach and through a nearby Negro section. When the night riders passed Fitzgerald's club most of the patrons hurried home.

That brought a warning from an unidentified man that bloodshed would follow if the Klan came back through the Negro section.

The Klan ended its parade, then reassembled and took up the challenge.

The Kluxers returned to the nightclub, seized Fitzgerald, slugged him and stuffed him into the trunk of a Klansman's car.

Later, there was shooting, during which Johnston was felled by a bullet which struck his back. Sasser has not been able to determine whether a single one of about 500 shots was fired by a Negro.

One Negro was shot in the outburst and several others beaten. None was seriously hurt.

Fitzgerald was driven away, beaten and cut on the ear before being left sprawled on the ground.

Johnston, deserted by the Klan, was taken to a Conway hospital where he died a short while later.

Sasser said the investigation is continuing and he promised more arrests.

More to be jailed in Ku Klux probe

CONWAY, S. C., Sept. 2—(AP)—A sweeping probe was expected to result in more arrests today in connection with a Ku Klux Klan demonstration that left a robed Conway policeman dead.

Sheriff C. E. Sasser, of Horry County, and State Constabulary Chief O. L. Brady have brought charges of conspiracy to stir up mob violence against nine men.

In addition the two announced that State Constable T. M. Floyd had been fired after admitting he was a Klansman.

The sheriff promised many more arrests, possibly 100.

Among the nine already charged is Thomas Hamilton of Leesville, S. C., grand dragon of the Carolinas Klan.

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THE WIDENING INVESTIGATION grew out of a fracas Saturday night at a Myrtle Beach Negro nightspot. About 60 robed Ku Kluxers wrecked the club. Sasser estimated that 300 shots were fired.

A shot in the back killed Policeman James D. Johnston. He was wearing a Klan robe over his uniform.

Charlie Fitzgerald, proprietor of the dance hall, has been held since then in an undisclosed jail. Sasser said Fitzgerald was removed from the club and stuffed in the trunk of a Klansman's car before the shooting started.

The Law Worked Quickly

An outbreak of Klan activities has brought shame to both the Carolinas. It is possible that the political campaigns in North and South Carolina of the past Summer have aroused racial feelings better left dormant and that renewed activity of the Klan may be due in some degree to the type of campaign Smith waged against Graham and to the sort of name-calling indulged in by both Thurmond and Johnston in South Carolina.

Whatever the cause, there was an exhibition of typically indecent Klan activity in Charlotte, N. C. It had to do with the burning of a cross in a residential area and the paint-smearing of a dwelling in a Negro-white mixed neighborhood. Charlotte's police were immediately put on the case. In 24 hours eight arrests were made. Each man picked up, allegedly a member of the Klan, was charged with acts of violence.

In Conway, S. C., the grand dragon of the K. K. K. was arrested on a charge of "conspiracy to stir up mob violence." There had been a parade of robed Klansmen during which a shot was fired that killed one of the marchers. He turned out to be a police officer in uniform over which he was wearing a robe. Later in a drama-packed speech over the radio, the sheriff of Horry County told about the findings of the inquiry into the policeman's death. He specifically cleared of guilt a Negro night club owner who had been under arrest since shortly after the shooting.

It is heartening to know that law enforcement officers went into action so rapidly—and took positive steps.

The Klan And The Law

A group of robed and masked Ku Klux Klansmen waged a brief but spirited battle at a Negro night club in Myrtle Beach, S. C., last Saturday night. Some 300 shots were exchanged. One robed man was killed. Removal of his robe disclosed he was a uniformed and armed policeman.

The police officer's superior said he was off duty at the time. Only in a narrow sense was that true. Every rookie policeman, at least in well-organized and well-conducted police departments, has drilled into him the idea that a police officer is never off duty. Always it is his duty to support and defend the law. Always he is supposed to step into action when any breach of peace occurs.

The policeman who put a Klansman's robe over his uniform was killed because he was deluded by that utterly false and pernicious and dangerous doctrine that there are some things above the law, and that one of them is the Klan. In a sense, he is only a symbol. Every citizen, not only police officers, is supposed to put the law first. This is a prime necessity when men seek to live together in peace and order. Those who do not abide by that primary rule are enemies of society. Because the Klan creates and fosters such enemies, it should have no place in our American life.

The Klan Gives Up

A Langely, South Carolina Ku Klux Klan Klavern has announced its divorce from the Association of Carolina Klans, because unfavorable publicity has prejudiced the public mind against the Klan.

The bad publicity referred to revolves about an August 26th Ku Klux Klan demonstration outside of Happy Hill, a Negro dance hall, near Myrtle Beach, South Carolina One of the Klansmen told Charlie Fitzgerald, owner of the night club, that there was too much noise, and the Ku Klux Klan left.

Fitzgerald called Sheriff Ernest Sasser and the Chief of Police of Myrtle Beach to warn them of the trouble that would ensue if the klansmen returned. A few minutes later the Ku Klux Klan marched back and, during the battle which followed, a klansman was killed. When his white robe was removed, he was identified as James D. Johnston, a Myrtle Beach policeman, who is reported to have been elected to the high office of Magistrate and would have taken the oath of office within a month or two, had he lived. He was wearing his official uniform under his Klan robe. Sheriff Sasser has arrested the Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan in South Carolina, charging him with conspiracy to stir up mob violence.

This was the third Klan demonstration at or near Happy Hill within recent weeks. It appears that there is an organized effort to drive Negroes from the Myrtle Beach area. Fitzgerald owns a motor court, a hotel, a taxicab business and several concessions at Happy Hill and Atlantic Beach. In fact, Negroes are said to own all of Atlantic Beach. It is considered to be a more desirable beach site than Myrtle Beach, owned by whites. It is sandwiched between Ocean Drive and Windy Hill Beach and the klan has made several expeditions there recently, apparently to drive Negroes from this valuable property.

But so unfair and unjust is the idea and so great is the contempt of the rank and file white citizen of South Carolina at the demonstration that even some of the klan's own members cannot swallow the gaul of these bad actors.

An Emperor Abdicates As Pickings Play Out

THE Ku Klux Klan, which doesn't scare anybody any more, is losing one of its last remaining reasons for existence as the Rev. LYCURGUS SPINKS cuts loose. Its entertainment value will be greatly reduced, if it is not now completely gone.

Spinks
the door was shut

Thus the news from Mississippi, bearing announcement that LYCURGUS SPINKS is severing connections with any and all Klans, is both good and bad. For one thing, it seems to tell that the K.K.K. is running out of suckers, which is a happy thought and a credit to civilized progress. On the other hand, a SPINKS-less Klan is bound to be the shabbier, if that is possible.

Time flies, but it couldn't have been more than a year ago when LYCURGUS SPINKS crowned himself as "imperial emperor" of a realm of his making. He got his picture in the papers, to lighten an otherwise dull day. By some aberration of a radio network, he was picked up for a bellowing interview nationally broadcast. Then, armed with publicity and flowing white locks, he set out in quest of the fat pickings which in other times were always to be had from the traffic in membership and robes.

But it turned out that others, a little more hard of eye and fist but just as itchy of palm, were there ahead of him and shut the door in his face. There wasn't enough loot to go around, and now comes the abdication of Emperor LYCURGUS I, leaving his empire to his rivals.

We shall await the footnote to this shattering event. What, now, LYCURGUS SPINKS? Can it be that you are going to work? If so, we and doubtless many another will be ready to forgive all for the example you then will be setting all those wizards, dragons, kleagles, kludds and cyclops who remain to root in the worked-out patch of ignorance and pathological inferiority.

Spinks Announces He's 'Through' With Klan

MERIDIAN — (Special) — Withdrawal of all of his affiliations with any and all Ku Klux Klan organizations and activities "in the whole world," was announced here on Saturday by Dr. Lycurgus Spinks, formerly emperor of the Ku Klux Klan of America.

Dr. Spinks commented: "I feel that I owe this statement to my friends both in and out of the Klan organization and to the public. When I assumed leadership in the Klan, I had a great dream that all of the several Klan groups could be consolidated into one organization thereby putting up a solid front and becoming a dynamic force against the spread of Communism in this country. But on or about July 1, I saw that any and all efforts to consolidate were futile. My dream turned into a nightmare so as of that date, I withdrew all of my affiliation with any and all Klan organization and activities in the whole world."

The retiring Klan leader, asked why he thought the efforts to consolidate were useless, he said, "Well, it was just another case of not being able to play ball because too many of the boys wanted to be pitchers."

Queried as to his future plans, Dr. Spinks declared: "I am 65 years old now and have been on the public platform more than half of my life. In the last seven years, I have traveled 865,000 miles, delivered 2,132 lectures, written three books on American constitutional government always including the defense of States' Rights and our free enterprise system. I am not mad at anything or anybody, but I am now definitely retired to public life."

Responding to the question as where he will reside, Dr. Spinks replied: "Meridian may be a hard place to make a living, but it is the best place on earth to live."

styled himself emperor of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America. That title, he somewhat ruefully explained, embodied his "great dream" — a dream since turned to a "nightmare."

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Spinks said he cut loose from all Klan affiliation in July.

'Great' dream of one big Klan sours, says Spinks, so he retires

MERIDIAN, Miss., Sept. 18—(AP)—An angular, silver-thatched former Baptist minister has given up a "great dream" of bringing all the Ku Klux Klans under a single banner.

Lycurgus Spinks, 65, who once ran for governor of Mississippi, said Saturday he has definitely retired to private life.

Only a few months ago, the erstwhile clergyman and lecturer

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Crosses burned, Reds warned

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 3—(AP)—Three fiery crosses flamed here last night.

Beneath one of them was a sign which read:

"If this nation is to survive, communism must go."

It was signed, "Federated Ku Klux Klans, Inc."

Burning of the crosses followed distribution of leaflets headed, "Wake Up America," and adding, "Ku Klux Klan rides again. Communism will not be tolerated."

They added:

"THE KU KLUX KLAN is fighting to preserve white supremacy; to protect our white womanhood; to uphold the kind of democracy given us by our forefathers. The Ku Klux Klan is fighting communism and all other isms except Americanism."

The leaflets bore the same printed signature as the sign found beneath the burning cross. They were left in mailboxes, under door mats, on city buses andelsewhere.

Rumor Sets Off KKK Cross In Nashville

By GEORGE E. WHITE

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Race hate bared its ugly head here Monday night when a cross was burned on the lawn of a vacant house at 321 21st ave., North.

The house, located in a fashionable neighborhood predominantly occupied by whites, has reportedly been sold to Negroes. Residents of neighboring houses could not describe the persons who set fire to the wooden cross nor could they relate any incidents leading to the firing.

However, white people had previously voiced opposition to having Negroes in this neighborhood when a Negro hotel was opened not long ago at 331 21st ave., North, only a few doors from where the incident took place. Police, who are "investigating" the matter, said they believe the cross was fired by irate white neighbors.

KKK at Texas U

The burning of the cross near the historic old Law Building at the University of Texas and the defacing of sidewalks with "'KKK" may or may not be a protest against Negroes in the school. Whatever it is, it has no place in an American institution. The Supreme Court has ruled, wrong as The News thinks it is. But fiery crosses, intimidation, burnings in the night, threats and abuse are silly, un-American protestations.

We abide by high decisions or laws in this country until we change them—legally change them. There is no present indication they will be changed, but certainly there is an American way to do it.

Meantime, let us emphasize that social equality, social association and social tastes can not be legislated or dictated by legislation. "Equal rights" in these matters can be guaranteed, but there can be no forced acceptance of them. There are such "equal rights" in New York City, but it is still the most segregated city on earth with whole boroughs and settlements occupied almost exclusively by various races and nationalities.

Fiery Cross Burned Near UT Building

Austin Bureau of The News

AUSTIN, Texas, Oct. 17.—The Austin Fire Department was called to put out a burning cross Tuesday night near the law school on the University of Texas campus.

The cross measuring about seven feet in height and with a 6-foot cross bar apparently had been soaked in kerosene, the firemen said. It was extinguished in a few minutes.

C. J. Addcox, a nightwatchman for the new law school building under construction, estimated that approximately seventy-five students were gathered around the blazing object. A university nightwatchman, J. B. McCaslin, reported that a similar cross-burning had taken place on the university campus about ten days ago. No report of this had been made by authorities.

The letters KKK in black paint marked a sidewalk approaching the law school building Tuesday night.

Austin police had no report of the incident and announced that no investigation would be made. Fire Department officials said that a report would be made to Austin fire chief Wednesday.

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KKK (United Association of the various Ku Klux Klan groups)

HOODED ORDER SPLITS INTO TWO DISCORDANT CAMPS SAYS REPORT

Black Dispatch

Hate Groups End in Hating One Another In Alabama and Georgia

MINISTER DROPS OUT OF PICTURE

3 United Assn. KKK

ATLANTA — (ANP) — A movement to form a united association of the various Ku Klux Klan groups in the South has failed, it was learned here Saturday. The hooded orders have split into two camps and there is dissension within the factions.

Figuring in the abortive attempt at a union were the Georgia Association of Klans under Samuel Roper; the Carolina Association of Klans under Samuel Roper; the Carolina Association of Klans under Thomas Hamilton; the Original Knights of the Southern Klans of Florida and South Georgia with William Hendrix as adjutant and William Hugh Morris, head of the Federated Klans of Ala[illegible].

Roper, a former Atlanta policeman and one-time head of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, took over the mantel of leadership from the late Dr. Samuel Green who revived the outfit after World War II. His group, which probably has the largest membership, is arrayed against the other three.

Roper set out to bring the other Klan outfits in the South under the association's banner. Recently, however, the groups headed by Morris and Hamilton pulled out of the organization. The Hendrix group, organized when Green was alive, was often referred to by the late head as "that Bolshevik bunch."

Last November, the Morris, Hamilton, Hendrix factions met in Alabama to work on a merger. Roper was invited to this meeting. They met again, without Roper in January in Florida.

Roper also teamed with Lycurgus Spinks, former minister and revival speaker who made his bid for power in Alabama by organizing the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Spinks dropped out of sight after a short time and it was said that the two groups had split.

Meanwhile, it is reported that the Roper group now numbers only 10,000. The rival faction, said by Roper to have "about one member for each 25 of ours," is estimated to have about 400 members.

MINER IS BEATEN BY MASKED MEN

Letter Criticizing Lewis Is Blamed for Act

(The Associated Press)

Rose Hill, Va., Jan. 3 — A veteran Virginia coal miner said Tuesday masked assailants beat him up for writing letters to the press criticizing John L. Lewis. At the same time he announced he is through with mining.

C. W. Cole, a miner for 24 of his 48 years, reported he was set upon Monday night by six or seven masked men who forced him from his automobile near Paige, Ky., just across the state line from here.

They told him, he added, that "it would be very dangerous if I wrote any more letters critical of John L. Lewis."

Cole said he was not badly hurt, that his attackers just wanted to "frighten me."

En Route to Mine

The group waylaid him, Cole related, while he was en route from his home here to the Black Star mine at Alva, Ky., where he has been working.

"I suppose I'll move to the city and get another job," Cole said. "I definitely will not return to the mines."

Cole himself reported Monday night's incident in a telephone call to the News-Sentinel at Knoxville, Tenn. The News-Sentinel recently published two letters from him commenting on Lewis and the coal situation.

In his telephone call he requested the newspaper not to publish a third letter he had written. At Knoxville, the paper said this letter had not yet been received.

Been 'Pretty Bold'

"I'm conscientious, but I realize I made a mistake in writing the letters," Cole said. "I guess I have been pretty bold. I have brought this (the beating) on myself, but it was wrong for them to beat me."

Cole said he did not recognize any of his assailants and had not reported the incident to police.

KKK Must Go! Now They're Flogging White People...

NORFOLK—Now, the Ku Kluxer Klan will have to go. They've started flogging white people.

The hooded hoodlums who haunt the nights in deep Dixie will find it really tough going from here on. For many terror-filled years the knights of the KKK committed countless autrocities against helpless Negroes and their severest reprimand was a tongue-in-cheek "tut, tut, bad boys" from people who might have been able to halt the fiendish outrages. Now, the KKK ruffians have turned their lashes on the nice white people who used to look the other way when the night riders were on the prowl.

But, that's where the KKK strategy backfired. When they started whipping white folks, things began to happen to them. Several of the Southern states, including Alabama, passed anti-masking laws. And the invisible empire of the Klan began to suffer internal pains.

Heartening signs that the days of KKK supremacy are numbered have filtered out of several points of the Southland, including such Klan strongholds as Alabama and Georgia.

FIRE WITH FIRE

Near Eastman, Ga., for instance, a Klan mob, bent on flogging a colored man, had to take off madly for the bushes when a well-to do white farmer with a hot rifle declared a sudden shooting war on the night riders.

This week, the brave farmer, Otho Wiggins, apoligized to the Klansmen for being such a poor shot. It seems that Wiggins wasn't able to hit any of them with the volley of bullets that rattled from his .22 calibre rifle.

Wiggins' letter, published in the Eastman Times-Journal, said in part:

"I extend to you loyal members of the hooded brotherhood my humble apologies for being such a poor shot with a rifle. I hope to see you soon."

It was signed: "Your neighbor, Otho Wiggins."

Two white farmers of that area have been arrested in the case. They are free on $1,000 bond each on charges of assault and battery and shooting at another.

In Alabama, state officials are blaming the recent wave of mob terror of the KKK.

Four men are charged with murder of Pell City, 40 miles east of Birmingham, in the February night-rider slaying of Charlie Hurst, operator of a country store. Just before he died, Hurst burst into his home and gasped," Looks like the Ku Kluxers are after me."

The men charged in this case are Claude Luker, Talladega furniture dealer; Charlie Carlisle, Jr., 24-year-old textile mill worker; Albert Wilson, 33, Talladega County farmer, and C. M. Hunter, Pell City mattress manufacturer and former county jail warden.

Three others arrested in the killing were freed last Saturday. They include the Rev. Alvin Horn, Baptist minister, and organizer for the Association of Georgia Klans; Jesse Wilson, 55, father of Albert Wilson, and E. L. Hudson, Talladega carpenter.

18 INDICTED

In Birmingham 18 men are under indictment for masked flogging and related charges brought by a grand jury last Summer.

Of this group, Coleman A. (Brownie) Lollar, admitted Klansman, **has been acquitted at two** separate trials. He still faces several other charges.

Another case, that of Klansman A. B. (Byrd) Carradine, ended in a mistrial last December.

The Lollar and Carradine trials followed raids by hooded, robed bands last Spring and early Summer in hilly, coal-mining areas west of here.

EMPIRE SPLIT

The invisible empire of the Klan, split by dissension and splinter groups, denied any part of these threats, floggings and cross-burnings. But lash victims described official Klan regalia in telling how their assailants were dressed.

Most of the victims were white people. They were told by the gangs they had committed some moral offense or should get a job and go to work.

Admits Va. Cross Burning

Klan Head Calls It Part of Initiation

COVINGTON, Va. (ANP) — A Suffolk man, who played a prominent part in organizing the Knights of the Kavaliers, an organization similar to the Ku Klux Klan, accepted full responsibility for the burning of a huge cross on a hill just South of this town last Wednesday night.

Following an anonymous telephone call, Sheriff W. E. Henderson made an investigation and questioned Hugh D. Little, of Suffolk, in one of four cars about 500 yards from the burned cross.

Little explained that the burning of the cross was a part of an initiation ceremony of the Kavaliers, a secret organization chartered by the State Corporation commission in 1948.

No Violence Noticed

The sheriff said Little exhibited the charter of the organization, showing himself, John R. Hampton, also, of Suffolk, and James T. Lewis of Norfolk, as the organizers. According to the sheriff, there was no show of violence in connection with the cross burning.

Why the Kavaliers were organized has never been cleared up.

Klan Invades Charleston For First In 20 Years

CHARLESTON - (ANS) - For the first time recalled in more than two decades, the Ku Klux Klan put on a public show in this seaport area last Friday night.

Following several public announcements beforehand, the hooded order, minus the hoods, however, and riding a 100 car caravan, approached the city early Friday evening from the north and cavorted about the North Carolina area, finally slinking away. Some of the cars bore lighted crosses but while the figures wore robes, none had on masks, possibly in conformity with state law.

A check of heavily dominated Negro communities in the Union Heights, Five Mile and Liberty Hill section revealed that the appearance attracted little interest among that segment. Some of them were courious to see for the first time the much-talked-of order but there wasn't the slighest fear or concern over any demonstrations.

Some observers said the caravan had come from the vincinity of Summerville, a town about 25 miles north of Charleston which, several weeks ago with its small police force, had bared its chest and bangs at a small local klavern which had staged a parade without the required city permit Under pressure from white ministers, Summerville had adopted a klan-defying ordinance, under which future street parades were forbidden, and in direct retaliation to a threatened forced march through its limits unless other parades were granted, had given its mayor and chief of police full authority to use any means advisable to stop a motorcade passing through the town, which had been threatened by state grand dragon Thomas Hamilton of Leesville.

Pranksters Blamed For Fiery Cross

Use "Klan" Plan In Effort To Frighten Colored Buyers

By J. ANDREW BOWLER

VIRGINIA BEACH— The discovery of a burning cross similar to those used by the Ku Klux Klan members, has failed to ruffle the community of Oceana, Va., and nearby residents.

The cross, made of two by fours, about seven feet tall and four feet wide, was discovered burning on a tract of land on Highway 58 between Virginia Beach and Oceana about 2 a. m., on Saturday, Aug. 19, by Mrs. Helen Williams and Earl Hunter, of the Atlantic Park section.

Together with Willie Rice and Russell Hunter, they called Virginia Beach police who notified Princess Anne County police.

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THE ERECTION AND burning of the cross is believed to be the work of pranksters, and may have been connected with the proposed sale of the tract of land on which the cross was found burning, to colored residents.

Marshall Freeman, manager of the real estate firm of Whit G. Sessoms, who posted notice of the sale, told the Journal and Guide, "I have every reason to be assured that the cross burning on the property we had advertised for sale to colored people, was not the work of any organized group."

"Instead," h e continued, "I think it was done by some ignorant person or persons with purely selfish motives, or to prevent the sale of the lots to colored people."

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"MR. SESSOMS called off the sale after hearing about the cross burning episode, but you can quote him as saying he has not the slightest intention of withdrawing the property from the market, but will set the date for another auction as soon as possible."

Mr. Freeman also stated that colored persons attending the coming auction have no reasons to fear placing a bid on the property. The firm has posted a $500 reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who placed the fiery cross on the property.

The actual cross burning created very little concern among the colored population in and around Virginia Beach and Oceana. Persons living only a few block from the scene, knew nothing about the incident several days later.

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MRS. WILLIAMS IN expressing her feelings over the incident, said:—"I had just closed my place of business for the night, shortly after 1:30, and just as I reached my home only a couple of blocks away, Earl Hunter, a night watchman, came running toward me saying he had seen a cross burning in the field where the auction was going to be held."

"I could not believe him until I reached the spot in company with Earl and two other friends, and sure enough there it was in a light blaze.

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KKK (Wisconsin)

Klan Threatens Reporter Afro-American - Fighting for Brewery Jobs

MILWAUKEE — Dan Travis,, AFRO reporter here, received a mysterious telephone call on July 6 from an individual who declared:

"This is the Ku Klux Klan! We don't like the way you keep hollering about colored persons getting jobs in the breweries and other places! You and the AFRO-AMERICAN had better slow down on your publicity if you know what's good for you!"

Mr. Travis has taken the matter up with Chief of Police John Polcyn. ltr. 7-15-50

If this fellow calls again, he might get a surprise. The police department here is the type that will be sure to take care of the Ku Klux Klan.

Fight to Continue

Mr. Travis and the AFRO-AMERICAN are going to continue to fight for jobs in the breweries and elsewhere for colored people. Their chief aim is to get permanent jobs for these people in the breweries. Temporary jobs are not the ones wanted

Mr. Travis visited one of the biggest breweries Friday morning, July 7 and informed the personnel director that it was now time that colored women were hired there.

The breweries could case some of the college women in their offices, if they want college students in the plants!

Another Anti-Social Crank in Tulsa

Last year Tulsa housed for a time the notorious Gerald L. K. Smith, and more recently has become a haven of refuge for the renegade Ku Klux who previously had spent almost a quarter of a century in prison because of his false assumption that "I am the law." The latest monstrosity to inflict himself upon the Oil Capital is a professed Christian minister by the name of Howard, who quotes the scripture in an evil document he is circulating over the state in effort to convince white Oklahoma he should be joined in a campaign of race hate.

Quite evidently assuming he can profit where Gerald L. K. Smith failed, and that as soon as he has sufficiently raised his false alarm he can, like the Ku Klux, garner filthy lucre from the gullible, the Rev. Howard has sent out a letter over Oklahoma in which he attempts to impress members of his race with the idea that a great calamity will fall upon the dominant race in America if and when Negroes, through their action in the courts destroy and eliminate separte schools.

Referring to the 1st chapter of Genesis and the 24th verse, which reads

> "And God said, let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and the beast of the earth after his kind."

the Rev. Howard refuses to assume the black man is a human being and that is the same kind of creature as the white man. He poisons his audience with the though that integrated education courses will destroy the white man in some sort of unaccountable way, and he alleges that in such an atmosphere the weaker of the two groups will socialize and sexualize, totally overlooking the facts of history which show that several of our past presidents of the United States brought mulatto children into the world.

There follows the letter sent out by Rev. Howard:

OKLAHOMA PUBLIC SCHOOL DEFENSE LEAGUE
Rev. M. W. Howard, Director
January - 1950

Dear Fellow Citizens:

Post Office Box 994
Tulsa, Oklahoma

It is now clear to every Oklahoma citizen that a campaign is on to destroy segregation and put Negroes in our white schools. I have been chosen by a group of alert citizens to launch a campaign against this diabolical plot. If something is not done, it is only a matter of two to ten years until Negro children and white children will be playing on the same school lots and experiencing a dangerous social intermixture.

You know what this means. It means that the weaker elements in both races will begin to reproduce in large numbers. Such mongrelization of the species is in direct violation of the law of God as revealed in Genesis 1:24 and numerous other portions of Scripture. This violation of Divine law and American tradition is now developing in an alarming manner all over the United States, especially in Northern cities where the newspapers frequently publish pictures of black school children posing with their arms entwined around whites. It is very common for Negro boys in these communities to date white girls. This must never happen in Oklahoma.

The Oklahoma Public School Defense League is being organized for the specific purpose of safeguarding the segregation principle and we shall proceed to do the following things:

1. Enlighten every school board member in the state.
2. Recruit the support of every public school teacher possible. (Unfortunately, too many of our teachers have cast their influence on the side of race-mixing and mongrelization. Such teachers must be taken out of our school system whether it be the first grade or the University of Oklahoma.)
3. We shall hold meetings in school houses, public halls and churches.
4. We shall prepare literature for the citizens and the voters.
5. We shall develop close contacts with all the members of the State Legislature, to the end that any weakness here may be revealed to the voters. Every mongrelizing, race-mixing politician must be taken out of public life by the voters.

None of our activities will be undercover or carried on in the spirit of hate. We shall promote this campaign in a Christian spirit and in the tradition of our forefathers.

We are now forming our speakers bureaus. If you are willing to speak or do what you can to set up a meeting in your home community, please indicate on the enclosed card. The least you can do is to give us your name as one committed to the high principles for which we stand. Please use the enclosed self-addressed envelope for an immediate reply. We will also appreciate a letter if you have any suggestions to offer.

Sincerely yours,

M. W. Howard
OKLAHOMA PUBLIC SCHOOL
DEFENSE LEAGUE.

P. S. You will observe that I have enclosed two extra cards. Would you please get these filled out and send them in. If you desire more cards, merely state how many you need. Our goal is 100,000 enrolled in six months.

The Black Dispatch assumed the witch-hunt now in full progress here in America was going to end in ferreting out of "Reds" and "Pinks," but Rev. Howard is going to improve on, and enlarge the American search for the undesirables. Under his direction intolerance is going to ferret out and dump into the discard all white school teachers who "cast their influence on the side of race-mixing and mongrelization," and all legislators who exhibit "any weaknesses." This old crank seems to have totally overlooked penalties for the thousands of young white students who seem to be spearheading the program for integration, if the polls taken in many white colleges during the past year are a criterion from which we can form a correct judgment.

The Bible can be quoted by the Rev. Howard from Genesis to Revelations in his effort to prove his case, but we suggest that in his reading of the Scriptures he concentrate a little on reading the 12th chapter of Numbers in its entirety. We think in that particular scripture the Almighty very definitely takes the black man into the human family, and for good measure in that same chapter places Divine holy stamp upon interracial marriages.

Of course all of this argument is beside the point. Negroes are trying to get into tax-supported educational institutions attended by whites because they by bitter experience know schools provided for them are not the same in quality and kind. We are sure the Rev. Howard is not sufficiently informed to know that white people borrowed their language and religion from dark people. Would it be out of place for twentieth century blacks to borrow a white school room in America, where all of the stored knowledge borrowed from their forebears is hidden?

WHITE CIRCLE'S CHARTER VOIDED FOR RACIAL HATE

Judge Holds Anti-Negro Body Exceeded Rights

Judge Edward F. Bareis of East St. Louis, sitting in Cook county Circuit court yesterday revoked the charter of the White Circle League of America which, the state charged, attempted to arouse hatred toward the Negro race and distributed "race hatred" literature.

In ordering the league dissolved, Judge Bareis said:

"There is no question in the mind of the court, after reading the evidence, that this material is highly inflammatory and that it would cause conflict among the races. If the state were to stand by and permit these attacks, it would become a party thereto."

League to Appeal

Atty. Maximilian St. George, who represented the league, said he would appeal the decision. In his arguments yesterday, he contended that the league was within its legal rights under provisions of free speech in the state and federal constitutions.

He cited the United States Supreme court ruling in the case of the Rev. Arthur Terminello, a Catholic priest, who was arrested in Chicago on Feb. 7, 1946, after a riotous meeting on the west side in which the Rev. Mr. Terminello was accused of being responsible for the disorder.

Reversing three Illinois courts, the high court ruled that the Rev. Mr. Terminello was wrongly convicted and fined $100. In a 5 to 4 decision, the Supreme court held that while the priest's speech was "vigorous, if not vicious," in its criticism of political and racial groups, it did not exceed the constitutional limits of free speech guaranteed Americans.

Rule Trial Judge Erred

It ruled in error the instructions of the Illinois trial court that public speech constitutes a breach of the peace "if it stirs the public to anger, invites dispute, brings about a condition of unrest or creates a disturbance."

The state's petition, which asked a fine against officials of the league, as well as revocation of its charter, was presented by Assistant Atty. Gen. Robert J. Burdette, who charged the league's literature violated constitutional rights of free speech and equal protection under the law.

Joseph Beauharnais, 53, of 8533 Dante av., head of the league, was fined $200 and costs May 9 in Municipal court on charges he circulated literature that tended to defame the Negro race.

Charted for Education

The league was chartered Nov. 9, 1949, "for the purpose of education as to customs, civic and social standards, and charitable purposes among its members, the maintenance of schools therefor, and the dissemination of information and literature appertaining thereto, and to safeguard the property of its members and tax research thereon.'

Soon after issuance of the charter, the state charged, the league "began a course of disseminating scurrilous and inflammatory attacks on the Negro race in and about the city of Chicago."

Levy Top Fine on 'Fuehrer'

By TED COLEMAN

CHICAGO—The White Circle League of America, Inc., top "white supremacy" outfit in Chicago, recently exposed by The Courier for its vicious hate program against Negroes, received a setback this week when its president, Joseph Beauharnais was found guilty of distributing literature defaming the Negro race.

An all-white jury of seven men and five women returned the verdict after deliberating only forty-five minutes after a four-day trial in Municipal Judge Joseph McGarry's court Thursday. They assessed the maximum fine of $200 under the Illinois law.

Beauharnais

Legal proceedings were instituted by Clifford McFarland, member of the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee, headed by Ira Latimer. McFarland intercepted some of the literature which was being distributed to white persons at a main intersection in Chicago's famed shopping district, the Loop.

CALLED MONGRELS

The literature referred to colored people as thieves, robbers, rapists, and accused them of forcefully mongrelizing the white race. They were charged with invading white neighborhoods and harassing white citizens no end.

Beauharnais was defended by Maximilian St. George.

St. George told the jury that his client was within his rights of free speech and free press in distributing the handbills.

He referred to a "nervous and tense" feeling among white persons living on the fringe of Negro areas. He summed up his argument with, "This is a white man's world. You can't make a man take something he doesn't like! Beauharnais didn't like the condition of things in Chicago. He thought he had a remedy. His actions were within his constitutional rights."

DAMAGE CITED

Atty. Albert Zemel handled the prosecution for the state. He pointed out the damage done to respectable Negro citizens by literature distributed by Beauharnais.

He presented D. U. G. Dailey, outstanding and world renowned surgeon, and Capt. Harry Deas of the Chicago police force as examples of people of color hurt by the Beauharnais deed.

He blasted Beauharnais as a "wicked, lying racketeer whose sole purposes were to make money for himself by stirring up hates and prejudices," with Negroes as victims.

Beauharnais, during the last day of his four-day trial, requested five minutes time to address the jury in his cause. This was denied.

He seeks a new trial. His organizataion is slated for a hearing on similar charges in Circuit Court on May 9. It faces revocation of its charter.

ake Steps o Smash White Gang

The White Circle League of America, Inc., a hate group headed by Joseph Beauharnais, faced double-barreled action this week designed to smash the organization

Efforts were being made to have the League's charter revoked and a warrant was issued last Saturday for Beauharnais.

The warrant charges Beauharnais with violation of a state statute which prohibits the publication of hate literature against persons of any race, creed or color or that holds any person up to contempt or defamation.

The League, which is chartered under the State of Illinois, has headquarters at 82 W. Washington St. A municipal agency is gathering evidence which will be used in the near future to have the organization's charter revoked.

WANT TO SEGREGATE

Recently Beauharnis launched a drive 2,000,000 names to petition Mayor Martin H. Kennelly and the city council for "passage of a law to contain Negroes within restricted residential areas".

On Jan. 7, the group held its first "Mass" meeting at Woodlawn Boys' Club 64th and University. Only 35 persons attended. During that session, Beauharnais told the gathering that the purpose of the meeting was to recruit workers.

CASE OF BRUTALITY

The first case of alleged brutality against the White Circle League of America, Inc., was bared this week.

Mrs. Ann Esther Mirabelli, the owner of a store at 315 W. 63rd St., who lives at 4416 N. Clifton, claims she was attacked by two hooded men of the League at her home at 2:15 a.m. last Teusday.

She explained that she called on the Englewood police for help. They refused she said stating I was "mentally deranged." The alleged victim is suffering with a serious case of cancer.

Defender
Chicago, Ill.
Sat. 1-21-50

FIND WHITE CIRCLE GROUP BOSS GUILTY.

Joseph Beauharnais, leader of the White Circle League of America, was found guilty of unlawful attacks on the Negro people by an all-white jury Thurs. The panel took less than one hour to agree. The jury recommended the maximum penalty of $200. That sum was increased to $400 by Judge McGarry upon request of assistant State's Attorney Zemel who vigorously prosecuted the case.

Beauharnais, President of the White Circle League, a race-hate organization is charged with distributing literature that defamed and held up to contempt the Negro race. The case was brought to trial by the persistent efforts of the Civil Liberties Committee, headed by Ira Latimer. And the case was brilliantly prosecuted by youthful Atty. Zemel. During the final address to the jury by the State and the Defense, Beauharnais tried to pull a "sneak Play", but was thrown for a loss by Judge McGarry.

The defendant requested the court to give him five minutes of his Counsel's time to acquaint the jorors with more details in the case.

Defender
Chicago, Ill.
Sat. 5-13-50

Supremacist Found Guilty

CHICAGO— (ANP) — Joseph Beauharnais, 53, head of the race-baiting White Circle league, was found guilty of circulating literature defamatory to the Negro race last week before Judge Joseph McGarry in Municipal Court.

A jury of all whites, approved by Beauharnais personally, gave the verdict. He was fined the maximum of $200 for his offense. His attorney challenged three Negroes and two Jews when they were called to the panel. He wanted an all-Gentile all white jury. The attorney, Maximilian St. George, said:

"We have always maintained that this is a white man's country, and in order to keep it that way, we must fight.

Prosecutor Albert Zemol called Beauharnais a "wicked, lying racketeer" and his league an unlawful, un-American scheme."

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Hatesters Brew Trouble—Chicago's White Circle League, race-hating organization headed by Joseph Beauharnais to "preserve white supremacy," staged a near-riot in Criminal Court Building when a Negro photographer sought to photograph two white women involved in a case with a Negro home-owner they wanted ousted from their neghborhood. Woman at extreme right is one of the complainants. Note man at left center with white hat, and policeman looking down on floored court bailiff who tried to protect the photographer.—Morris Photo.

He Hides—"Fuehrer" Joseph Beauharnais of Chicago's vicious White Circle League shields his face from photographers at court hearing.—Morris Photo.

Revokes Charter After Near-Riot In Court Building

Courier Sat. 7-8-50

By TED COLEMAN

CHICAGO—The White Circle League of America, Inc., arrogant hate gang, exposed by The Courier recently, has had its charter revoked by the State of Illinois through a decision handed down by Judge Edward W. Bareis, sitting in Circuit Court.

Judge Bareis is from East St. Louis and was assigned to the case after the league's president, Joseph Beauharnais, protested against four other judges, charging they were unsympathetic to his anti-Negro movement.

"FUEHRER" SHOCKED

The decision was a shock to the self-styled "Fuehrer" and his followers. They were aware of the fact that East St. Louis is a tension area and has been under racial strife for some time because of the Negro citizens' battle against segregated schools.

They were informed of the crosses burned recently, allegedly by the Ku Klux Klan. Thus they walked into Judge Bareis' court Thursday morning, confident that they would be exonerated and allowed to go scot free to carry on their vicious hate activities.

No fines were levied against the officials. The state had asked for the revocation of the organization's charter and fines amounting to $25,000 against officials of the league.

Beauharnais was recently found guilty of distributing literature defaming Negroes and fined the maximum of $200. His arrogance never ceased despite the pending court actions against him and his group.

NEAR-RIOT

Two days before the state revoked the White Circle League charter, Beauharnais and some of his followers were engaged in a near-riot in the halls of Criminal Court Building when two white women protested against a Negro photographer taking their pictures.

The incident occurred outside of Judge Harry Beam's court room where the women were involved in a hearing, charging a Negro resident with pointing firearms at them during a racial disturbance in a tension area.

A court bailiff, Eddie Masco, and a photographer, Jim Morris, were injured in the melee which started when Morris attempted to take a picture of the women following the trial. The bailiff was hurt when he attempted to shield Morris. He was beaten and kicked by a mob which had gathered outside Judge Beam's court room where the hearing was held. Beauharnais allegedly helped in the attack upon Masco.

TARGET OF HOODLUMS

The hearing involved Roscoe Johnson, of 7153 St. Lawrence Avenue, whose home has been the repeated target of attacks by white hoodlums in an effort to scare his family away. Johnson faced a gun charge filed by Mrs. Winifred Nielson and Mrs. V. Anderson, alleged members of the league, who live in the same neighborhood.

Johnson denied the charges, claiming he was forced to stand in his doorway with a shotgun on the night in question to prevent an angry mob from invading his home. He said the police refused to protect him and fraternized with the crowd.

Members of the attacking mob in the court disturbance were called back before the judge and given a severe reprimand. No fine was held. That case was continued until September.